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## PREFACE

This thesis has grown out of investigations begun at the Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois, in June, 1961, to develop a method of using electronic computers to evaluate logical network diagrams representing the engineering and construction effort necessary to build the Zero Gradient Synchrotron. To date, the computer outputs furnish information which aids in planning the sequence of activities, determining the intervals of time in which the activities must be performed, and in measuring the criticality of each activity to the timely completion of the project. Provisions for predicting manpower requirements by craft, as a function of time, have also been incorporated into the analysis.

Investigative work in this field has been under way for about five years by several organizations and much progress has been made. However, the method is still not completely developed nor is the range of its applicability entirely known.

It is my purpose to draw together existing material on the subject, comment on its validity in the light of personal experience, and present the specific development and implementation of network analysis techniques being used in the construction of the Zero Gradient Synchrotron.

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## CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION

Today, much engineering work is defined in terms of projects. A project is a partially ordered set of activities directed towards the accomplishment of a specific objective. The partial ordering arises from technological and environmental restrictions that force certain jobs to be done before others can be started.

During the latter quarter of the nineteenth and the first half of the twentieth century, management has acquired considerable experience in the control of "continuing businesses" characterized by continuous production. These planning and control methods have assumed the existence of historical data since they involve the measurement of past processes. The worker's task is defined by: (1) prescribing the exact order and method of work; (2) prescribing the tools and equipment to be used; and (3) establishing the time in which the task is to be accomplished. The first two pieces of information are obtained through motion study, the last through time study. One-time research and development or construction projects do not lend themselves to this type of analysis.

The most common method of project scheduling in use today is the bar chart developed by Henry Lawrence Gantt. A bar (implying the existence of an activity) of a length proportional to the expected duration of the activity, is placed on a horizontal time scale at a time corresponding to the scheduled date of starting. These charts are limited, since it is not immediately apparent which activities constrain other activities. In practice, because of the complex nature of bar-chart representation, it is necessary to simplify the presentation. The tendency is to lump several activities together into one gross activity. In most cases this leads to oversimplification in which activities which significantly constrain the project may be overlooked



during initial planning. Errors of omission outweigh errors of commission.

Today, projects are growing in scope and complexity, and there is increased pressure to compress the time required to obtain the project's goal. The project manager must be able to coordinate the various departments within his organization and to supply rapid and accurate information on progress, deliveries, resources, and costs. The sheer complexity of the operation forces him to separate himself deliberately from matters of detail and to deal with the broader aspects of the problem. The several groups concerned with the work do their own planning and scheduling, largely independently of one another. Project schedules are often derived from gross estimates of total requirements. It is obvious that any effective method of planning must ensure that the tremendous complexity of coordinating many diverse activities does not force an artificial over-simplification and result in errors of omission, errors of logic, and errors of method.

During the past five years, two distinct, but in many ways similar, methods for planning, scheduling, and monitoring engineering and scientific research and development projects have been evolved. They are the Critical Path Method and PERT.



## CHAPTER II HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT

### Critical Path Method

The earliest work in the field of using logical network diagrams to aid in planning and scheduling projects appears to have been done by the E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company. In 1956, the Integrated Engineering Control Group of du Pont (Wilmington, Delaware) began to explore possible alternatives to traditional methods of project scheduling. They hoped to develop a method which would integrate all activities in a project towards a common goal, pinpoint potential difficulties well in advance, and permit management by exception. It was realized early in the effort that the generation of such a plan would require the consideration of information in greater detail than had been previously attempted. In 1957, the group initiated a survey on the possibilities of using electronic computers to process the data needed in such an analysis. Remington Rand's UNIVAC division was requested to assist in this analysis as part of their customer service. A team of engineers, headed by Morgan R. Walker of du Pont, and a team of mathematicians and computer experts from Remington Rand, headed by James E. Kelley, worked through 1957 and produced what is now known as the Critical Path Method (CPM). The method derives its name from the significance that is attached to the chain of critical activities that determines the project's duration.

The central idea of the Critical Path Method was the topological representation of a project in the form of a logical network diagram. Each activity or job necessary to the completion of the project was represented by an arrow. The arrows, interconnected at nodes, showed the technological and planned relationships between activities.

The idea of logical diagramming is, of course, not new. Such diagrams are used in scientific and mathematical activities, e.g., the





flow charting of a computer program. However, this was the first time this technique had been applied to project planning.

Pilot tests of CPM were run in 1957. The results showed that a full-scale application was warranted. The project chosen was the construction of a chemical plant valued at ten million dollars. In order to obtain an adequate basis for evaluating the effectiveness of CPM, it was decided that the group using it would operate independently of the normal scheduling group. The CPM team's schedules were not to be used in actually administering the project. The project was broken down into five hundred and forty-nine activities, ranging in cost from fifty to fifty thousand dollars. There were, in addition, two hundred and ninety-seven dummy jobs,<sup>1</sup> for a total of eight hundred and forty-six.

The original CPM program had been written for UNIVAC I. The CPM teams went into more detail in their analysis than had been originally anticipated, thereby making it necessary to reprogram the problem for a larger computer, the Remington Rand 1103A. In March 1958, a management decision at du Pont caused a forty percent change in the project plan. Updating the network diagrams took about ten percent of the original effort expended in preparing them. The conventional scheduling group expended almost one hundred percent of the original effort. With only thirty percent of the design information, the CPM group accurately predicted the total manpower curve.

The normal group, early in the project, determined what they thought would be the critical deliveries. The CPM group included all one hundred and fifty-six deliveries. Their analysis showed that only seven of these were critical and that three of these were not included by the normal group.

The most impressive results were those which showed that the project could be reduced by two months at no additional cost and by an

<sup>1</sup>p. 12.



additional two months at a one percent increase in cost. The reason for the large decrease in time at small cost was because it was necessary to expedite only the critical activities.

By July of 1958, a second test of CPM, on a project capitalized at two million dollars, had been completed. At this time it was felt necessary to reprogram the problem for a still larger computer, the Remington Rand 1105.

The third test was at du Pont's Louisville, Kentucky Works, which produces a self-detonating material used in the manufacture of neoprene. Because of the hazardous nature of the substance produced, the plant had to be shut down during periodic maintenance and overhaul. It was desired to minimize the down-time as much as possible. It was anticipated that preparing network diagrams for a project of this type would be very difficult, since it was not known exactly what maintenance and replacement operations were necessary until after the equipment had been disassembled and examined. This problem was partially solved by preparing several network diagrams, one for each of several shut-down situations. Unexpected activities, in most cases, were absorbed in the slack associated with the noncritical activities.

By March 1959 this test was finished. Average shut-down time was reduced from one hundred and twenty-five hours to ninety-three hours. It was estimated by du Pont that this savings alone would save the company more than five times the original cost of developing the Critical Path Method.

#### PERT (Program Evaluation Review Technique)

PERT is a project-monitoring method developed by the United States Navy to aid in the management of the Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) weapons system development. The work was begun in January 1958, by the Program Evaluation Branch of the Special Projects Office, Bureau of Ordnance (now Bureau of Weapons), U. S. Navy.





At this time a schedule for developing the Polaris Missile and associated support equipment had been prepared. It contained thousands of activities and extended years into the future. The need to develop the weapons system was urgent and, as a result, some highly uncertain research and development work had been compressed into short time intervals. Slippages of some scheduled dates had already occurred, and it appeared that the ability of the Program Evaluation Branch to predict future slippages was not sufficient. It appeared that a new management approach was needed. The research team designated their problem as PERT, an acronym for Program Evaluation Research Task. The title was later changed to the present one, Program Evaluation Review Technique. The team consisted of members from the Special Projects Office, the Lockheed Missile Systems Division, and the Booz, Allen and Hamilton Company.

The PERT method was to provide: (1) a measure of current status against approved plans and schedules; (2) a forecast of future progress and problem areas, with probabilities of meeting schedules for planned effort; and (3) a method for evaluating the effects of proposed changes in plans on established schedules for meeting program goals. It was also desired that the new method be compatible with existing reporting procedures then in use: Milestone Reporting and Line of Balance.

Milestones are significant events in the history of a project whose scheduled attainment is used as an index of project progress. Line of Balance, sometimes called Production Analysis, is a system used to analyze the final production of end items. It can point out shortcomings in production plans, but is not suitable for one-time research and development projects.



The PERT team felt that to describe a project accurately it was necessary to:

1. Select specific identifiable events that are planned to occur along the way to the successful conclusion of the project.
2. Link the planned events so as to graphically portray the interdependencies among them.
3. Estimate the times necessary to move from event to event together with a measure of the uncertainties involved.

This led, as in the case of the Critical Path Method, to the use of network diagrams.

In order to obtain a measure of the uncertainty in time associated with reaching each event, it was assumed that the probability distribution of the time required to pass from one event to another was approximated by a beta distribution. It was also assumed that only three time estimates (optimistic, most likely, and pessimistic) were necessary to determine the expected value and variance of the distribution. The expected value became the time expected to elapse between two given events and the variance an indication of the uncertainty of the estimate. Preliminary analysis indicated that the entire FBM analysis would include from five thousand to ten thousand events, indicating the need for high-speed computing equipment. A survey of available computer installations narrowed the field down to two: the UNIVAC 1103-A at the Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University, and the IBM Naval Ordnance Research Computer (NORC) at the Naval Weapons Laboratory, Dahlgren, Virginia. Because of lower cost, and greater speed and flexibility, the NORC computer was finally chosen. The original NORC consisted of a two-thousand-word, cathode-ray tube, high-speed memory, eight high-speed magnetic tape memory units, and two line-at-a-time printers plus associated card-to-tape-to-card converters and card



processing equipment. A twenty-thousand-word magnetic-core memory was added later.

The computer programming was done by programmers at the NORC installation supervised by a staff member from Booz, Allen and Hamilton. Approximately two hundred and twenty-one man-days of effort and \$20,645 were required to prepare the ten different programs which constituted a complete processing run.

While the programming effort was going on, data were gathered on the missile subsystem and the propulsion component. These data were used as the basis for a preliminary analysis. The purposes of this test were to determine the availability of the necessary information and to gain insight into the magnitude of the quantities involved. Events were selected from Special Projects Program Management Plans, the Lockheed Master Development Plan, and the Lockheed Master Test Plan.

The events in the missile subsystem were of a high level. The propulsion component was analyzed in greater detail, the network containing one hundred and sixty events.

A second examination of the propulsion component was made while at the same time extending the analysis to the flight control, ballistic shell, re-entry body and guidance components.

PERT was officially implemented on October 16, 1958. The data required were supplied by the contractors in addition to the data submitted to the other reporting systems. Extension of PERT to the entire Fleet Ballistic Missile Program was completed near the end of 1959, when it became the primary reporting system.



### CHAPTER III NETWORK DIAGRAMS

In analyzing any project, the operations of planning and scheduling must be separated. Simple as this sounds, it is often not done. Planning is defined as determining the relationship between activities and the sequence in which they are to be performed. Scheduling involves assigning expected durations to each activity and determining when they are to start and finish.

The first step, then, is to create a master plan which should embody the following characteristics:

1. Follows a uniform system which is understood by all.
2. Provides a disciplined basis for planning the project.
3. Shows the logical inter-relationship between activities and the influence of external constraining activities.
4. Provides a quick and effective means to evaluate progress to date in which activities and events are defined in a positive sense so that there is no question as to their successful completion.
5. Is an effective means to familiarize new personnel with the scope and detail of the project.
6. For large projects is translatable to a form suitable for data processing.

It is characteristic of any project that the work must be performed in a well-defined order. The relationship of one activity to another can be shown graphically. This graphical representation is called a network diagram. On the diagram, each activity is represented by an arrow (see Fig. 1). The arrow depicts:

1. the existence of the activity; and
2. the direction of time flow (time flows from the tail to the head of the arrow). The length of the arrow or the direction in which it points has no significance.





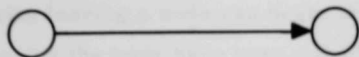


Fig. 1. Activity Representation

Every arrow begins and ends at a node. The node may be thought of as an event in time, such as the beginning or ending of an activity.

The concept of an activity or event must be unambiguously defined. An activity is any time-consuming operation, function, or procedure which begins and ends at identifiable points in time and is essential to the completion of the project. An event is a point in time, the attainment of which requires the completion of one or more activities.

Listed below are examples of typical activities:

1. planning operations, such as engineering studies and design;
2. time required for the allocation of funds;
3. procurement and training of personnel;
4. procurement operations, such as specification preparation, bidding periods, contract preparation, fabrication, and shipment;
5. fabrication operations, such as engineering studies and design;
6. lead times, e.g., time required to pass until the beginning of suitable weather or the scheduled beginning of the project.

After the essential activities have been determined, the arrows representing them are drawn and interconnected to show the sequence in which the activities are to be performed. The following rules govern the relationship between arrows and nodes.



1. No activity leaving a node can begin until all of the activities entering the node have been completed.
2. All activities entering a node must have the same immediate successors.
3. All activities leaving a node must have the same immediate predecessors.

The rules can be represented symbolically as in Fig. 2.

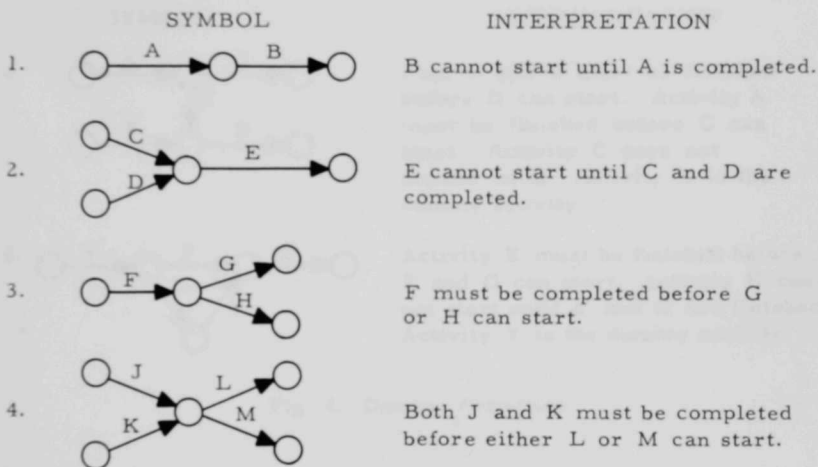


Fig. 2. Diagram Interpretation

It is obvious that no activity can be its own predecessor. An activity such as in Fig. 3 is forbidden.



Fig. 3. Loop Error

To make the information on the diagram suitable for data processing, to insure a unique representation for each job, and to aid in efficient reporting, two additional restrictions must be added to the arrow-node relationships:



4. No two activities can begin and end at the same node.
5. No activity can be represented on the same diagram more than once.

To preserve the logical relationship between jobs and to satisfy the previous two restrictions, dashed arrows called dummy activities (see Fig. 4) are used. Dummy activities by definition have a duration of zero.

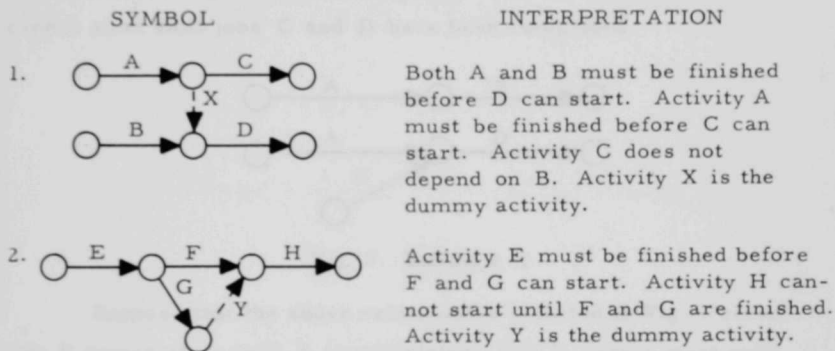


Fig. 4. Dummy Activities

To illustrate the use of dummy activities, consider two examples.

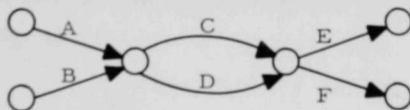


Fig. 5. Example I

The diagram in Fig. 5 violates the rule which states that no two jobs can begin and end at the same nodes, as is indicated for C and D. A correct diagram would be that in Fig. 6.



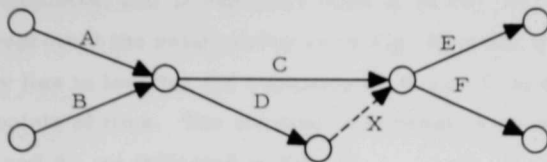


Fig. 6. Solution of Example I

Notice that the logical relationship is preserved. Jobs E and F still cannot start until jobs C and D have been completed.

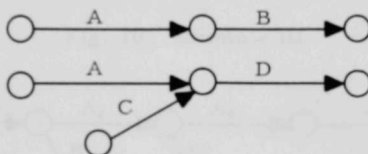


Fig. 7. Example II

Suppose that the above relationship depicted in Fig. 7 exists. Job B cannot start until A is completed. Job D cannot start until Jobs A and C are completed. The diagram as it stands violates the rule which says that no job can be represented more than once. Job A is represented twice. A possible solution might be as indicated in Fig. 8. This solution is incorrect, however, since it was postulated that Job B does not depend on Job C. The correct solution is to introduce a dummy job (see Fig. 9).

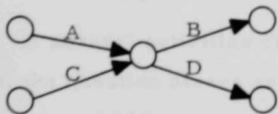


Fig. 8. Incorrect Solution of Example II

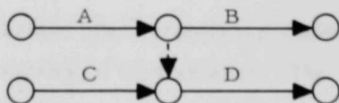


Fig. 9. Correct Solution of Example II

Suppose there exist four activities: A, B, C, and D. Activity B can start when A is 20 percent completed; C can start when A is





60 percent completed; and D can start when A is 100 percent completed. To represent the relationship as in Fig. 10 is not quite correct. The difficulty lies in locating the beginning of B and C at clearly identifiable points of time. The solution is to break A up into three jobs  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $A_3$ , as indicated in Fig. 11.

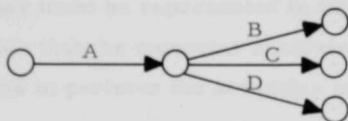


Fig. 10. Example III

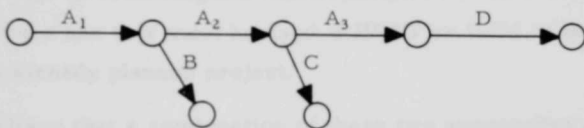


Fig. 11. Solution of Example III

Network diagrams for large projects appear at first glance to be quite complicated; however, they can be constructed in a simple fashion. The diagram is built up by sections, one arrow at a time, by asking and answering the following questions for each job:

1. What immediately precedes this job?
2. What immediately follows this job?
3. What jobs are to be performed concurrently with this job?

If several activities can be performed concurrently but need not be, the question arises as to how they should be displayed. The question is asked because of the amount of resources needed to perform the activities at the same time. Given three activities A, B, and C with no technological ordering, it is possible to perform them in six different sequences: ABC, ACB, BCA, BAC, CAB, and CBA. However, because of manpower limitations, it may not be possible to



perform all at the same time. If this situation is repeated many times in a project, there may be thousands of different network diagrams which could be drawn. One school of thought contends that by assuming an artificial sequence many scheduling possibilities may be overlooked, so that if it is technologically feasible for several activities to take place concurrently they must be represented in this way on the network diagram. It is possible that the computer analysis may reveal that there is sufficient time to perform the activities in any given sequence.

The second approach is to take resource limitations into consideration initially and to construct the network diagram showing planned as well as technological relationships between activities. This approach is the one that must be used if PERT or CPM is being used to monitor an already planned project.

I believe that a combination of these two approaches is the most desirable. The Zero Gradient Synchrotron considered as a project consists of many sub-projects, each the responsibility of a single engineer or scientist. When determining whether or not activities can occur concurrently four questions are asked:

1. Is it technologically feasible for the activities to take place at the same time?
2. If the activities will take place within the same physical area, is there enough space available for them to be performed at the same time?
3. Does the performance of one activity create a hazardous environment which makes it unwise to perform the other activity at the same time?
4. Would the performance of the activities at the same time require an unreasonable allocation of resources?

The determination of what constitutes an unreasonable allocation of resources depends on the professional judgement of the estimator. If, after asking these questions, it is determined that the activities



can occur concurrently, they are shown occurring concurrently on the network diagram. This is the method used for inter-project planning.

The network diagrams representing the sub-projects must be meshed to form the overall project network. The physical connection is by an activity called an "interface dummy." The interface dummy originates or terminates at a node in the diagram (see Fig. 12), its other terminus being represented by a wavy line. It is considered to belong to the network from which it originates.

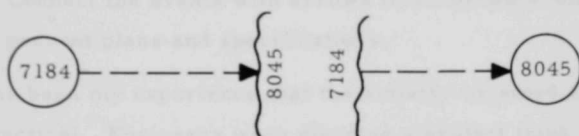


Fig. 12. Interfacial Dummy Activity

The relationship between sub-projects is determined only by technological and environmental limitations. In practice, the sub-projects are quite specialized and require their own peculiar equipment and apparatus. The common resource is manpower.

Once the master network has been assembled, it is analyzed by a computer and projected manpower requirements obtained. If manning levels have been exceeded, activities or sub-projects may have to be displaced in time, for which purpose criticality may be used as an index of flexibility. This will be discussed in a later section.

The preceding discussion of network preparation has been activity oriented. This is the philosophy of the Critical Path Method. PERT places greater emphasis on the concept of an event. The PERT definition of an event is "A meaningful specified accomplishment (physical or intellectual) in the program plan, recognizable as a particular instant in time. Events do not consume time or resources..." This orientation is natural since the designers of PERT wanted it to be



compatible with the Navy's already existing Milestone Reporting Technique. The events on the original networks were identified with the previously defined milestones. Activities are considered as time- and resource-consuming elements which link events.

Personnel preparing PERT charts are instructed to:

1. Prepare a list of significant events.
2. Place the events on a flow chart by drawing a series of articles or boxes with the event description written inside.
3. Connect the events with arrows in accordance with present plans and specifications.

It has been my experience that the activity-oriented diagram is the most practical. Engineers when planning a project think in terms of operations. It is simpler to recognize the relationships between activities than between events. The relationships are depicted originally, not added at the end, when some of them may be overlooked. The data necessary to evaluate the network are of necessity activity oriented, i.e., duration times, man power and machine requirements, and money.

The diagrams representing the ZGS project are all in terms of activities. No labels are attached to the nodes except a number which serves to identify the activity. The concept of an event is not completely abandoned. There is provision in the computer program to obtain special print-outs on certain, selected, major milestones. This serves as a summary report to the higher levels of management.

The more recent developments in PERT, although retaining event orientation, have placed increased emphasis on activities. PERT Programs written by the Air Force and by NASA for the IBM 7090 computer provide for optional, activity-oriented outputs.





## CHAPTER IV

### NUMBERING THE NETWORK DIAGRAM

Once the network diagram has been constructed, it is necessary to label each event or activity. The labels are of two kinds: (1) one that a person examining the diagram can understand, and (2) one that a computer can understand. The first, of course, is simply a written name for the activity placed immediately above the arrow representing it, or in the case of PERT inside the circle representing the event. The second is usually in the form of a number or reducible to a number.

It is the node or event which is numbered. An activity is identified by a pair of numbers, those of its tail and head nodes. Thus, the activity in Fig. 13 would be referred to as 795-802.

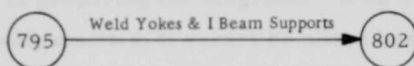


Fig. 13. Numbered Activity

There are three basic systems for assigning numbers to the diagram:

1. Sequential - no missing numbers
2. Sequential - missing numbers
3. Random

#### Sequential - No Missing Numbers

Numbers are assigned beginning from zero or one. The tail number of an activity must be less than the head number, and no numbers may be omitted.

The most efficient computer programs in terms of speed and storage required can be written for this system. Most programs set up a node table within the computer memory. As each activity is processed, it is necessary to look up its tail node and head node in the node



table. This usually involves a series of subtractions - subtraction of the node number in the table from the node number in question until a zero is obtained. Corresponding to each node in the table are an early time and a late time. One of these is compared with an early or late time associated with the activity to determine the new value of the node time. The sequential - no missing number system permits implicit reference to the node as a subscript rather than explicit storage of the node number. The absolute location, in storage, of the early and late node times can be determined by adding the node number to the location of the first element of the early or late node-time arrays. Thus, the early or late time can be located directly without searching.

The disadvantage of this system is that it leaves very little margin for error in preparing the diagrams. If an essential activity has been accidentally omitted, it cannot be added later without remembering the entire diagram. This means that all of the punched cards used as computer input must be changed.

The sequential - no missing number system has been used by programs written for small or medium-sized computers. One example is LESS (Least Cost Estimating and Scheduling) written for the IBM 650. Some later variations of LESS do not use this system.

#### Sequential - Missing Numbers

Numbers are assigned beginning at any arbitrary number. The tail number of an activity must be less than the head number. Numbers may be omitted.

There are two principal advantages to sequential numbering. First, it aids logical planning. Numbers are smaller at the beginning of the network and become larger as the project approaches completion. The planner must examine closely which activity really comes first. Second, sequential numbering shortens processing time on the computer.



Using this system, it is possible to insert or delete activities from a network without altering the entire network. When preparing the network, the planner can omit numbers in areas of uncertainty so that activities can be added at a later date.

Node numbers must be assigned storage locations in the computer, thus increasing the amount of storage required.

Before a network can be evaluated to determine the earliest and latest activity or event times, it is necessary to arrange the activities in a predecessor-successor order. Considering the activities as being arranged in a list, no activity can appear on the list until all of the activities preceding it have appeared. With a sequential numbering system if the activities are in numerical order they are also in successor-predecessor order. It is also possible to determine rapidly if an activity has been mistakenly represented as its own predecessor. In Fig. 14, activity C is immediately identified as its own predecessor because its tail node number, 10, exceeds its head node number, 4, in violation of the numbering rule.

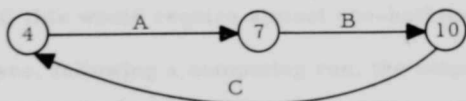


Fig. 14. Detection of Loop Error

The disadvantage of this system is that it is always possible for the planner to leave out an insufficient number of numbers. The computer program written to process the ZGS data uses the sequential - missing number method. We have not had to perform any extensive renumbering of our networks.



## Random Numbering

Numbers can be assigned in a completely random manner. This method offers the greatest flexibility in the preparation of the network diagram.

A PERT number, for example, consists of a six-digit prefix and a three-digit suffix. The prefix identifies the program, company, and highest level diagram upon which the event appears. The suffix is assigned sequentially to the events as they are placed upon the diagram.

All PERT or CPM variations use punched cards to store activity information. To make this information accessible to clerical personnel, it is filed numerically by activity or event number. As stated earlier, before the computer can perform the network calculations the data must be sorted into a predecessor-successor order, which in most cases involves a completely separate computer run. The NORC computer, when used for processing PERT networks, requires nine minutes to sequence one thousand events. Three thousand events or activities is not an unreasonable figure to process at one time. In the case of NORC this would require almost one-half hour.

In all cases, following a computing run, the output must be sorted back into numerical order either for printing, editing, or merging with other data, such as an alpha-numeric job description. With a sequential system this sort is not needed.

A novel approach to node identification has been taken by the Philco Company in their program for the Philco 210 computer, called Philco PERT. The node label need not be a number at all, but may be any combination of not more than nine alpha-numeric characters. This label also constitutes a verbal description of the event (node). This eliminates the necessity of merging job descriptions with the output.





This approach, although appealing from a data-processing standpoint, is not very practical, since it is very frequently impossible to describe an event adequately using only nine letters.

The gain in flexibility obtained by using random numbering would in most cases be off-set by the added cost of data processing. For most applications the sequential - missing number method, assuming a judicious assignment of numbers, would seem the most practical.



## CHAPTER V

### ACTIVITY DURATION TIMES

After a network diagram has been prepared and checked for accuracy, the next step in the analysis is to estimate the amount of time that will be required to perform each activity.

Rarely will the estimator be able to predict the exact amount of time required for the activity. The estimate will be a most likely duration, which is the most probable value of an unknown duration distribution. If the variance of this distribution is small, then the duration is approximately deterministic; if it is large, the duration is non-deterministic.

By making a detailed analysis it may be possible to reduce a nondeterministic case to a less nondeterministic one. As an example, consider an activity which is estimated to require one hundred days, and assume that the probability distribution has a standard deviation  $\sigma$  of ten days. Suppose that it is possible to break this activity up into

ten ten-day activities with  $\sigma_i$  equal two days. Since  $\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \sigma_i^2$ , the new standard deviation is  $(40)^{1/2}$  or approximately six days; thus, the uncertainty of the estimate has been reduced.

It is almost never possible to determine the form of the activity distribution, let alone its variance, from the data available in the planning stages of a project. In practice, there are two alternatives: (1) assume a deterministic case, or (2) assume the form of the probability distribution and attempt to estimate its parameters. The originators of the Critical Path Method chose the first alternative; the originators of PERT, the second.

One of the announced goals of the PERT development team was to estimate the time required to achieve an event together with a measurement of the uncertainty involved.



The PERT planner is asked to supply three time estimates for each activity: a most likely, optimistic, and pessimistic. The most likely time is interpreted as the mode of the duration distribution. The optimistic time is such that there is almost no hope of completing the activity in less time. The pessimistic time is a time which will not foreseeably be exceeded, barring "acts of God." It is assumed that the duration distribution is unimodal and that its variance can be estimated as roughly one-sixth of the range. The range in this case is the difference between the pessimistic and optimistic estimates.

The mean or expected value of the duration is used instead of the estimator's most likely duration. PERT assumes that in most cases the distribution will be asymmetrical, with the expected value falling between the most likely (mode) and the pessimistic times. The expected value  $E(x)$  here is used in its statistical sense, i.e., for a continuous distribution of range  $(a, b)$ ,  $E(x) = \int_a^b xP(x) dx$ . There is a fifty percent probability that the expected value will be exceeded by the actual duration. The justification for this assumption is the observation that most likely times are more often exceeded than not.

The distribution, chosen on intuitive grounds, is the beta distribution:

$$f(t) = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} (t-a)^p (b-t)^q / (b-a)^{p+q},$$

where "a" and "b" are the optimistic and pessimistic times, and

$B(p+1, q+1)$  is the beta function  $\frac{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(q+1)}{\Gamma(p+q+2)}$ . Using the

transformations

$$x = \frac{t-a}{b-a},$$

the distribution can be reduced to its more familiar form,

$$g(x) = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} x^p (1-x)^q.$$



The mode, expected value, and variance of this distribution are

$$X = \frac{p}{p+q}$$

$$E(x) = \frac{p+1}{p+q+2}$$

$$V(x) = \frac{(p+1)(q+1)}{(p+q+2)^2(p+q+3)}$$

Using the assumption that  $VAR(x) \doteq (1/6)^2$ , it can be shown that

$$(1) \quad p^3 + (36X^3 - 36X^2 - 7X)p^2 - 20X^2p - 24X^3 = 0$$

If the three time estimates  $a$ ,  $T$ , and  $b$  are given,  $X$  can be calculated from

$$X = \frac{T - a}{b - a}$$

Then  $X$  can be substituted into the above equation to solve for  $p$  and  $q$  with the aid of the equation

$$q = p \left( \frac{1}{X} - 1 \right)$$

Plotting  $E(x)$  versus  $x$  reveals that  $E(x)$  can be approximated by the linear function  $\frac{4X+1}{6}$ , so that  $E(t) = f(a, T, b)$  can be approximated by  $\frac{a + 4T + b}{6}$ .

This last equation is the one used in the PERT analysis to determine the expected activity duration as a function of the optimistic, most likely, and pessimistic times.

The expected duration can be rewritten as

$$E(t) = \frac{1}{3} \left( 2T + \frac{a+b}{2} \right)$$





showing that the value lies one-third of the way from the mode to the mid range.

A good deal of the controversy concerning the PERT system centers around the three-time-estimate concept. The choice of the beta distribution does not rest on mathematical or solid experimental evidence, but rather is based on the assumption that estimated times are more often than not exceeded. It is questionable whether this excess is the result of uncertainty or of oversight. The concept of a pessimistic and optimistic time have not been defined as clearly as that of a most probable time. Two technically qualified estimators would very likely give quite similar estimates of the most probable time required to perform an activity but could differ considerably in their estimates of the optimistic and pessimistic times.

The effect of using the three time estimates is to give a more pessimistic outlook than would be obtained from using a single estimate. A study by W. W. Haase of NASA<sup>1</sup> indicates that the degree of pessimism is proportional to the expected date of accomplishment of the event in question. A straight line fitted to Mr. Haase's data results in an equation of the form

$$P \doteq 0.25T$$

where  $P$  is the pessimism, in weeks, added to the prediction by using three estimates instead of one, and  $T$  is the predicted time to the accomplishment of the event, expressed in months.

As has been said many times, the real value of network techniques lies in the detail planning required early in the project to construct the diagrams. This benefit is obtained with either one or

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<sup>1</sup>W. W. Haase, "Use of Three Time Estimates," Proceedings of the PERT Coordinated Task Group Meeting, 17-18 March 1960, pp. 11-13.



three time estimates. The primary purpose of the network analysis is to uncover the "critical path," the chain of activity which determines the duration of a project. The activities normally constitute a few percent of the total number. The experience of some users indicates that, even if the initial duration estimates are inaccurate by twenty percent, this is close enough to prevent the danger of confusing the critical path with other activity sequences.<sup>1</sup> Refinement of the analysis is obtained by carefully reexamining the estimates of those activities which are critical or have small amounts of slack. A certain amount of error can be tolerated in the other estimates, since these activities have larger amounts of slack which can be used to absorb duration increases.

The purpose of programming the computation for an electronic computer is that it permits rapid evaluation of the effect of activity changes. Most installations update their calculations at least every two weeks. Thus, trends which may interfere with the project schedule can be recognized before they become acute.

The network analysis of the ZGS project adopted the Critical Path Method concept of a single estimate of duration time. To reduce the uncertainty, estimators were asked not to specify activities whose duration exceeds six weeks. If possible, these activities were to be broken up into several smaller ones. So as not to overburden the system with myriads of short, minor activities, the lower level of duration estimate was set at one day.

The unit of duration time varies from system to system. PERT commonly uses a week, with estimates expressible to tenths of a week. I have chosen the working day as the basic unit. Estimates are rounded off to the nearest integer value. Use of the working day permits the

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<sup>1</sup>"Space Age Scheduling Arrives in CPI," Chemical Week, 74-78, (1960), October 15.



effect of weekends and holidays to be taken into consideration and permits easy conversion to a calendar date. I feel that the use of integer values is justified, considering the probable accuracy of the data. It also has the advantage of reducing the amount of computer time necessary to perform the calculation. The time saved is not large and should not be a primary consideration in writing a program.

The merits of three time estimates versus one have not been resolved at the time of writing this paper. The Navy and the Air Force, which uses the Navy's PERT system, still require the submission of three estimates. The Air Force discourages "odd-ball" PERT-like systems,<sup>1</sup> which use a single estimate. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration when making PERT analyses on the Navy's IBM 7090 computer at Dahlgren, Virginia, by means of a standard Navy PERT program, requires that all three time estimates be the same. This is, in effect, a single estimate, since the program uses the formula

$$E(t) = \frac{T + 4T + T}{6} = \frac{6T}{6} = T$$

to compute the expected time. NASA is in the process of developing its own program which will use one estimate. Some "canned" computer programs have provision for either system, the option being under sense switch control. In general, three-time-estimate systems seem to be favored by the military and single-time-estimate systems by private industry.

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<sup>1</sup>AFSC Policies & Procedures Handbook, Aeronautical Systems Division of Air Force Systems Command, January 1962. p. IX-20.



## CHAPTER VI MATHEMATICAL EVALUATION OF THE NETWORK

The next step in the analysis after the diagram has been numbered and duration times assigned is to determine the time boundaries between which each activity must be performed.

Each activity is designated by two numbers, "i" and "j," the tail and head node numbers, respectively. The duration of each job is  $d_{ij}$ . It is assumed that all  $d_{ij}$  are deterministic.

### Computation of Earliest Starting Times

Consider a network containing N nodes. Define the earliest time that any activity leaving node j can start as  $t_j$ . Diagramming rule number one<sup>1</sup> states that no activity leaving a node can begin until all activities entering the node have been completed. As a consequence  $t_j = \text{MAX} (t_i + d_{ij})$ .

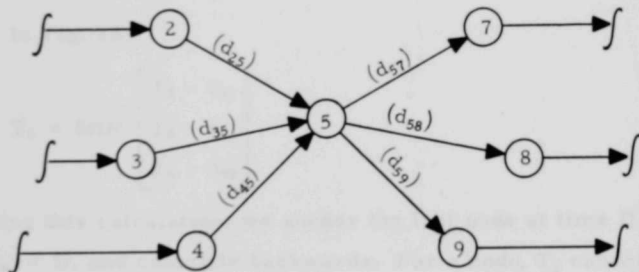


Fig. 15. Sample Network

In the isolated portion of a network shown in Fig. 15 it is desired to determine the earliest time that any activity leaving node number five can start. The condition is

$$t_5 = \text{MAX} \begin{bmatrix} t_2 + d_{25} \\ t_3 + d_{35} \\ t_4 + d_{45} \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } i = 2, 3, 4.$$

<sup>1</sup>p. 11.





By definition,  $t_1$ , the earliest time for the first node in the diagram (no activities enter node number one), is zero. The earliest time that node N, the last node, can be reached is D, the expected duration of the project.

Before we can calculate  $t_j$  for any node, we must know  $t_i$  for all nodes immediately preceding it. Thus we must start at the beginning of the diagram and work through to the end. This is referred to as making a "forward pass" through the network.

### Computation of Latest Finishing Times

The next quantity to be calculated is the latest time by which each node must be reached so as not to prolong the overall duration of the project. This quantity, called the latest finishing time, is represented symbolically as  $T_i$ :

$$T_i = \text{MIN} (T_j - d_{ij})$$

In Fig. 15,

$$T_5 = \text{MIN} \begin{bmatrix} T_7 - d_{57} \\ T_8 - d_{58} \\ T_9 - d_{59} \end{bmatrix} .$$

In making this calculation, we anchor the last node at time D, i.e.,  $T_n = t_n = D$ , and calculate backwards. For a node,  $T_i$  cannot be calculated until  $T_j$  for all nodes immediately following it have been determined. This is referred to as making a "backward pass" through the network.

### Sample Calculation

To illustrate the calculation consider the network in Fig. 16. The values of the earliest starting time  $t_i$  are entered in the circles, the values of latest finishing time  $T_i$ , in the squares.



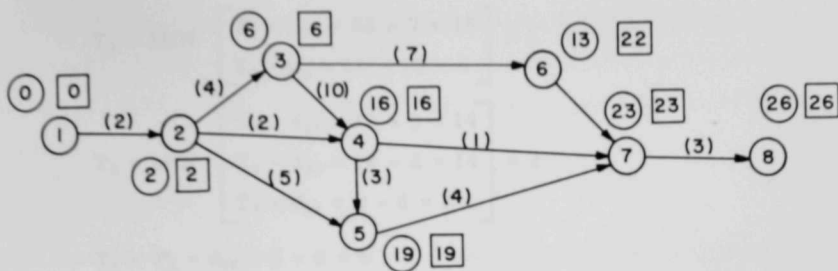


Fig. 16. Sample Network

Forward Pass

$$t_1 = 0 \quad (\text{by definition}).$$

$$t_2 = t_1 + d_{12} = 0 + 2 = 2$$

$$t_3 = t_2 + d_{23} = 2 + 4 = 6$$

$$t_4 = \text{MAX} \begin{bmatrix} t_2 + d_{24} = 2 + 2 = 4 \\ t_3 + d_{34} = 6 + 10 = 16 \end{bmatrix} = 16$$

$$t_5 = \text{MAX} \begin{bmatrix} t_2 + d_{25} = 2 + 5 = 7 \\ t_4 + d_{45} = 16 + 3 = 19 \end{bmatrix} = 19$$

$$t_6 = t_3 + d_{36} = 6 + 7 = 13$$

$$t_7 = \text{MAX} \begin{bmatrix} t_4 + d_{47} = 16 + 1 = 17 \\ t_5 + d_{57} = 19 + 4 = 23 \\ t_6 + d_{67} = 13 + 1 = 14 \end{bmatrix} = 23$$

$$t_8 = t_7 + d_{78} = 23 + 3 = 26 = D$$

Backward Pass

$$T_8 = t_8 = D = 26 \quad (\text{by definition})$$

$$T_7 = T_8 - d_{78} = 26 - 3 = 23$$

$$T_6 = T_7 - d_{67} = 23 - 1 = 22$$

$$T_5 = T_7 - d_{57} = 23 - 4 = 19$$

$$T_4 = \text{MIN} \begin{bmatrix} T_7 - d_{47} = 23 - 1 = 22 \\ T_5 - d_{45} = 19 - 3 = 16 \end{bmatrix} = 16$$



$$T_3 = \text{MIN} \begin{bmatrix} T_6 - d_{36} = 22 - 7 = 15 \\ T_4 - d_{34} = 16 - 10 = 6 \end{bmatrix} = 6$$

$$T_2 = \text{MIN} \begin{bmatrix} T_5 - d_{25} = 19 - 5 = 14 \\ T_4 - d_{24} = 16 - 2 = 14 \\ T_3 - d_{23} = 6 - 4 = 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2$$

$$T_1 = T_2 - d_{12} = 2 - 2 = 0$$

### Inherent Bias

If all of the duration times were, as assumed, accurately known, there would be no objection to the above procedure. However, because the duration times are selected from an unknown distribution, there is an inherent bias which biases all earliest starting times towards the start of the project. To gain an insight into the nature of this bias, consider two activities whose duration distributions are normal and have the same mean and standard deviation. Also, assume that each activity starts at the same time.

If the activity durations are the expected value of their probability density distributions, what is the expected value of  $t_2$ ?

Define event number one,  $E_1$ , as the event that the first activity is completed in time  $\leq d_{ij}$ , and  $E_2$  as the event that the second activity is completed in time  $\leq d_{ij}$ . The event that node number two is reached in time  $\leq d_{ij}$  is  $E_3$ . Since each activity is assumed to be independent of the other,

$$P(E_3) = P(E_1)P(E_2) = (1/2)(1/2) = 1/4$$

In other words, there are three chances out of four that any activity leaving node two cannot start until some time in excess of  $d_{ij}$ . The expected value of  $t_2$  is that for which  $P(t_2) = 1/2$ , so that

$$P(E'_1) = P(E'_2) = (1/2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.707$$



From a table of values of the standard normal distribution function,  $E_1^i$  and  $E_2^j$  are the events that the duration of each activity does not exceed  $d_{ij} + 0.55\sigma$ , where  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the distribution, so that

$$E(t_2) = d_{ij} + 0.55\sigma$$

The amount  $0.55\sigma$  would be ignored in the described method of computation. The case illustrated is the worst possible. As the difference in duration between the two events increases, the expected value of  $t_2$  approaches more closely the expected value of  $d_{ij}$ , but can never be less than  $d_{ij}$ .

The PERT analysis attempts to obtain a measure of the variance of the earliest and latest times by assigning to the node the expected value and variance of the longest path leading in to it. Even though the individual activity durations are assumed to fit a beta distribution, the earliest and latest times are assumed to be normally distributed. The justification for this assumption is the Central Limit Theorem. The probability of meeting a particular schedule date can be calculated by means of a normal distribution table.

Having calculated the earliest and latest times, we can proceed to schedule the project by determining the earliest and latest starting and finishing times for each activity. We define the following quantities:

1. Earliest starting time for job (i, j)

$$= (JEST)_{ij} = t_i$$

2. Earliest finishing time for job (i, j)

$$= (JEFT)_{ij} = t_i + d_{ij}$$

3. Latest finishing time for job (i, j)

$$= (JLFT)_{ij} = T_j$$

4. Latest starting time for job (i, j)

$$= (JLST)_{ij} = T_j - d_{ij}$$





The latest starting and finishing times are interpreted as the times by which any activity must be started or finished so as not to prolong the duration of the project, assuming that subsequent activities are not expedited.

### The Critical Path

The maximum time available to perform activity  $(i, j)$  is  $T_j - t_i$ , where  $T_j - t_i \geq d_{ij}$ . If  $T_j - t_i = d_{ij}$ , the time available to perform the activity equals the time required to perform the activity. The activity is said to be "critical." If the scheduled completion date of the project is equal to the calculated project duration,  $D$ , there will be at least one, unbroken chain of critical activities connecting the beginning and end of the project. This chain of critical activities, called the "critical path," determines the project duration.

### Slack

A measure of the criticality of each activity can be obtained by taking the difference between the time available and the duration:  $T_j - t_i - d_{ij}$ . This amount of time is called "total slack" or "total float." Total slack can be expressed in several different, but equivalent, ways:

1.  $(TS)_{ij} = T_j - t_i - d_{ij} = (JLFT)_{ij} - (JEST)_{ij} - d_{ij}$
2.  $(TS)_{ij} = T_j - (t_i + d_{ij}) = (JLFT)_{ij} - (JEFT)_{ij}$
3.  $(TS)_{ij} = (T_j - d_{ij}) - t_i = (JLST)_{i,j} - (JEST)_{ij}$

The total slack is the amount of time that the start or finish of an activity can be delayed and still not prolong the duration of the project. If the total slack of job  $(i, j)$  is used up, then jobs leaving node  $j$  can no longer start at the earliest possible time. This leads to the question: how long can the start or completion of job  $(i, j)$  be



delayed and not interfere with the earliest possible starting date of jobs leaving node  $j$ ? This quantity is called "free slack"  $(FS)_{ij}$ .

$$(JEFT)_{ij} + (FS)_{ij} = (JEST)_{jk}$$

$$(FS)_{ij} = (JEST)_{jk} - (JEFT)_{ij}$$

$$= t_j - t_i - d_{ij}$$

If job  $(i, j)$  is the only one entering node  $j$ , then  $(FS)_{ij} = 0$ .

The difference between the latest finishing time of a job entering node  $j$  and the earliest starting time of a job leaving node  $j$  is defined as "dependent slack."

$$(DS)_{ij} = (JLFT)_{ij} - (JEST)_{jk}$$

$$= T_j - t_j$$

$$= T_j - t_i - d_{ij} - (t_j - t_i - d_{ij})$$

$$= (TS)_{ij} - (FS)_{ij}$$

If activity duration times are not changed,  $(JLFT)_{ij}$  is a constant. Therefore, if some of  $(DS)_{ij}$  is used up,  $(JEST)_{jk}$  must increase. Thus, if dependent slack is used up, the project can still be completed by the planned date, but not all activities can start at their originally planned date. This quantity is also called "interfering slack" since its consumption interferes with the earliest starting times of some activities.

We may also ask: how much time is available between the earliest starting time of a job leaving node  $j$  and the latest finishing time of a job entering node  $i$ ? This quantity minus the activity duration is "independent slack." An activity can be displaced by this amount without affecting any other activity.

$$(IS)_{ij} = (JEST)_{jk} - (JLFT)_{hi} - d_{ij}$$

$$= t_j - T_i - d_{ij}$$



This quantity may be negative, so that the definition must be modified to the form

$$(IS)_{ij} = \text{MAX} (t_j - T_i - d_{ij}, 0) \quad .$$

Using the definitions presented, we can calculate the activity schedule for the sample network as in Table 1.

Table 1. Sample Activity Schedule

Job Number		Duration $d_{ij}$	Starting Time		Finish Time		Slack
i	j		JEST	JLST	JEFT	JLFT	
1	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
2	3	4	2	2	6	6	0
2	4	2	2	14	4	16	12
2	5	5	2	14	7	19	12
3	4	10	6	6	16	16	0
3	6	7	6	15	13	22	9
4	5	3	16	16	19	19	0
4	7	1	16	22	17	23	6
5	7	4	19	19	23	23	0
6	7	1	13	22	14	23	9
7	8	3	23	23	26	26	0

The critical path is: (1,2) - (2,3) - (3,4) - (4,5) - (5,7) - (7,8). If any of these activities is allowed to slip without a corresponding expediting of another activity, the project will be prolonged past the twenty-sixth day.

Project managers can use slack to indicate possible resource trade-offs from slack to critical activities. The proper use of slack permits the project manager to exercise management by exception. The higher levels of management need only concern themselves with



the critical or near-critical activities, leaving the lower levels to insure that the non-critical activities are accomplished at the proper time.

From Table 1 it can be seen that six out of the eleven jobs are critical. In larger networks for real projects, less than ten percent of the jobs are normally critical; the larger the network the smaller is the percentage.

It should be noted that slack is a function of the activity duration and the path on which the activity lies. Using up some of the slack by delaying the start or finish of an activity will remove some slack from some of the "downstream" activities.

If the computed completion date of an activity in the network is greater than the scheduled completion date, the finish date can arbitrarily be fixed at the scheduled date and a backward pass made from that point. Some paths will be revealed to have negative total slack. The negative slack indicates by how many units of time the path in question must be shortened in order to meet the scheduled date.

The type of slack so far developed have been activity slacks, i.e., the slack associated with an activity. Event-oriented PERT systems calculate "event slack," which is defined as the difference between the latest finishing time and earliest starting time for a given node (event):

$$(ES)_i = T_i - t_i$$

The critical path is the chain of activities connecting events with  $(ES)_i = 0$ .

To prove that the same critical path is obtained in both cases, consider a network whose critical path is known. All of the total activity slacks along this path are equal to zero by definition, so that





$$1. \quad T_n - t_{n-1} - d_{n-1,n} = 0$$

$$T_{n-1} - t_{n-2} - d_{n-2,n-1} = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$T_2 - t_1 - d_{1,2} = 0$$

$$T_1 - t_0 - d_{0,1} = 0$$

Adding the equations we obtain

$$2. \quad \sum_{i=1}^n T_i - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_i - \sum_{i=1}^n d_{i-1,i} = 0$$

$$3. \quad T_n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T_i - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_i - \sum_{i=1}^n d_{i-1,i} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n d_{i-1,i} = D, \text{ since the critical path determines the projects duration.}$$

$$T_n = D \text{ by definition}$$

$$4. \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T_i - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_i = 0$$

$$t_0 = 0 \text{ by definition}$$

$$5. \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T_i = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} t_i$$

$$6. \quad \text{For any node } T_i \geq t_i$$

$$7. \quad \text{Assume one of the } T_i > t_i.$$

Then there is at least one set of  $(T_k, t_k)$  such that  $T_k < t_k$ , in order to satisfy equation five, since  $T_{i+1} > T_i$  and  $t_{i+1} > t_i$ .



This violates statement six; therefore statement seven cannot be true and all  $T_i = t_i$ . All event slacks along this path are zero.

### The Zero Gradient Synchrotron

The Zero Gradient Synchrotron (ZGS) is under construction at the Argonne National Laboratory, located about five miles northwest of downtown Chicago. When completed, this forty-seven million dollar particle accelerator will be one of the world's largest, possessing some capabilities found in no other.

The ZGS will consist of a four-megaelectron volt ring of magnets two hundred feet in diameter. This ring consists of eight sets of magnet blocks separated by straight sections. Each magnet block contains sixteen dipoles separated by dipoles of different strengths. Vacuum pumps and control systems are located within the magnet blocks. The ring will be a thin, superconducting wire, known as the main vacuum chamber. Every four to eight pulses of up to  $10^{12}$  protons can be accelerated around the ring through this chamber at speeds approaching that of light.

In operation, the protons will be pre-accelerated to eight hundred thousand electron volts by a Cockcroft-Walton voltage multiplier. From there, they will pass into a linear accelerator in which they will be accelerated to fifty million electron volts before being injected into the magnet ring. While in the ring, they will travel more than seven times the distance around the earth while being accelerated to an energy of twelve and one half billion electron volts.

To hold the particles in a steady stream while during acceleration, the magnetic field within the ring is carefully synchronized with the frequency of the accelerating radiofrequency cavity. During one second pulses, the magnetic field varies from zero to twenty-four thousand gauss. The energy for this field is provided by electric circuits



## CHAPTER VII

### APPLICATION OF NETWORK ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES TO THE ZERO GRADIENT SYNCHROTRON PROJECT

#### The Zero Gradient Proton Synchrotron

The Zero Gradient Synchrotron (ZGS) is under construction at the Argonne National Laboratory, located twenty-five miles southwest of downtown Chicago. When completed, this forty-seven million dollar particle accelerator will be one of the world's largest, possessing some capabilities found in no other.

The ZGS will consist of a four-thousand-ton ring of magnets, two hundred feet in diameter. This ring consists of eight sections of magnet blocks separated by straight metal sections which contain vacuum pumps and control apparatus. Encased within the magnet blocks will be a thin, spacemetal, evacuated tube, known as the inner vacuum chamber. Every four seconds pulses of up to  $10^{13}$  protons can be accelerated around the ring through this chamber at speeds approaching that of light.

In operation, the protons will be pre-accelerated to eight hundred thousand electron volts by a Cockcroft-Walton voltage multiplier. From there, they will pass into a linear accelerator in which they will be accelerated to fifty million electron volts before being introduced into the magnet ring. While in the ring, they will travel more than seven times the distance around the earth while being accelerated to an energy of twelve and one half billion electron volts.

To hold the particles in a nearly circular orbit during acceleration, the magnetic field within the ring is carefully synchronized with the frequency of the accelerating radiofrequency cavity. During a one-second pulse, the magnetic field varies from zero to twenty-four thousand gauss. The energy for this field is provided by electric current



flowing through five and one half miles of heavy hollow copper conductor encased within the magnet blocks.

Parts of the ZGS will be covered with earth to absorb the penetrating radiations produced when it is in operation. The "Ring Building," a doughnut-shaped concrete structure, two hundred and ten feet in diameter and fifty eight feet high, which houses the ring magnet, will be covered with fifty feet of earth.

The "Center Building," a ninety-foot structure built through the center of the Ring Building, houses the equipment which rectifies and controls this current. During a one-second pulse, the current varies from zero to eleven thousand amperes, at twelve thousand five hundred volts. In order that the power demand may be smoothed out, current from the line passes into a motor-generator system external to the ring. The motor-generators drive a sixty-eight-ton steel fly-wheel, thirteen feet in diameter, at nine hundred revolutions per minute.

The ZGS has been designed to produce all thirty presently known or anticipated subatomic-particles in larger quantities than any other accelerator. The final energy of twelve and one-half billion electron volts is just above the threshold energy necessary to produce antiprotons. The particles are produced either within the machine itself or by the action of an external beam. The original design calls for three beam extraction areas, two proton areas, and one meson area. At present, only two of the areas, one proton and the meson, are being developed.

The structures of the ZGS complex will cover forty-seven acres. Construction of a high-energy physics-research center, valued at nearly seven million dollars, will begin in the spring of 1962. This center will be adjacent to the ZGS.





The ZGS will be made available to scientists from middle-western universities. It represents a research facility which no university could hope to build and operate with its own funds. The completion of the ZGS will make the middlewestern United States one of the world centers of high-energy physics research.

### Preliminary Studies

The possibility of using network techniques to plan and schedule some aspects of the synchrotron construction was first considered in April 1961. At this time, completion of the machine was scheduled for the summer of 1962. It was becoming evident that this date could not be attained, partially due to unexpected difficulties that were being encountered in the fabrication of the ring-magnet blocks. Because of this delay, it was apparent that the assembly operations which followed the delivery of the magnet blocks had to be planned with great care in order to minimize extension of construction beyond the scheduled completion date.

The responsibility for most of these assembly operations rested with the Mechanical Engineering Group of the Laboratory's Particle Accelerator Division. Mr. Willard Hanson of the Mechanical Engineering Group, who was investigating the possibility of using a critical-path-scheduling technique, asked the author to develop a PERT-like system to coordinate the remaining mechanical-engineering effort necessary to close the ring magnet.

It was envisioned that the final assembly would involve a large number of activities. To gain experience in preparing network diagrams, a smaller sub-project, the fabrication of the inner vacuum chamber, was chosen as the first study. About two hundred activities were involved. Some difficulty was encountered with the diagram, partly because of lack of familiarity with the project on the part of the author and partly because of lack of familiarity with diagramming on the part of



the estimators. The diagram had to be redrawn several times, because, although it would correctly display activity relationships as determined by the estimators, close examination would indicate other relationships neither stated nor implied. With practice in the use of dummy activities, this problem was solved.

Following the PERT philosophy, the estimator was asked to supply three time estimates, in working days, of activity duration. In the majority of the cases the most likely estimate was less than fifteen working days and the implied beta distributions almost symmetrical. In these cases the difference between the most likely and expected durations was usually less than one working day. At this point it was decided to use a single time estimate.

During the following weeks, diagrams were prepared depicting fabrication of the sidewalls of the outer vacuum chamber and of bending magnets 101 and 102; inspection, preparation, magnetic testing, and routing of the ring-magnet blocks from the time of receipt to installation in the ring; and final assembly of the ring. The method of data collection was inefficient. Due to the embryonic nature of the project (network analysis project), there were no administrative data flow systems devised. Information gathering usually consisted of the author "buttonholing" the estimator in his office between conferences or meetings.

While the original data were being collected, attention was also given to a method of processing it. The Laboratory possesses several computers: a small Recomp II with a magnetic disc memory; a medium-sized IBM 1620, IBM 1401, and GEORGE, an Argonne-designed computer of high speed; and in the large-size category, an IBM 704 with a thirty-two-thousand-word magnetic-core memory. Since the analysis is essentially a data-processing problem as distinguished from a computational problem, the characteristics desired were large



storage capacity, rapid and flexible input-output devices, and high-speed off-line, auxiliary equipment. Of the computers available, the IBM 704 most nearly satisfied these requirements and was chosen.

The first computer program was written during the summer of 1961. In September, the first computer run, using thirty-five hundred activities, was made. This run took over one half hour, longer than had been expected. Re-examination of the program logic showed several places where a considerable amount of time could be saved.

In November, two additional changes were made in the program. The original program computed free slack; however, experience indicated that it was not nearly as useful as the total slack, which was also computed. The computation of free slack was eliminated. The original program identified an activity only by its head and tail number. Provision was made at this time to include a fifty-five-character alpha-numeric activity description as part of the printout.

The program currently in use is the third revision, made during January and February 1962. Provision was made to insert arbitrary times of activity completion, make a backward pass, and compute negative slack. Three buffer areas were set up in the magnetic-core memory to speed up the magnetic tape input-output. Finally, provision was made to obtain an optional event-oriented printout of significant project milestones.

Concurrent with the development of the basic program for critical path was the development of two other programs. The first of these computes man-power requirements, as a function of calendar date, for fifteen skill categories and edits the critical-path program output to produce special reports. The inputs to this program are two of the output tapes from the main program. The third program is a data checker. Occasionally during the card-to-tape run, either the first few or last few cards would not be written on tape. The



data-checking program, which takes about two minutes to run, checks to make sure that the first and last cards are on tape and that the sequencing and numbering of the activities is correct. The main program also checks for these errors. The data checker helps maintain good relations with the computer center. It can be very embarrassing to sign up for fifteen minutes of computer time only to encounter a program stop after two minutes because of a data error.

### Data Organization

A rough sketch of the proposed network diagram is obtained from the estimator. A smooth copy is drawn on vellum, checking to insure that the basic diagramming rules have been obeyed. An Ozalid copy of the smooth diagram is then returned to the estimator for inspection and estimation of activity durations (in working days) and manpower requirements. Upon return of this copy, the estimates are transferred to the vellum master copy and the master copy is numbered.

The numbering system used is the sequential, numbers-missing, system. For most of the diagrams, even numbers have been used with a ten-number gap every twenty nodes or so. The numbers can be anywhere from one to five digits, with a maximum value of 32,767. A block of numbers is assigned to each sub-project.

The number blocks currently being used are:

0-1,999;	fabrication and testing of ring-magnet block
3,000-3,499;	fabrication of inner vacuum chamber
3,500-3,999;	fabrication of sidewalls of outer vacuum chamber
4,000-4,399;	fabrication and testing of bending magnets 101 and 102
4,400-4,999;	fabrication and testing of achromatic bending magnets, one, two, and three





6,000-6,999;	fabrication and testing of ring-magnet coils
7,000-8,999;	assembly of ring-magnet octants
10,000-10,299;	fabrication and installation of beam-detection apparatus
11,000-11,100;	construction of meson wall
11,500-12,299;	fabrication, installation, and testing of straight-section vacuum boxes.

New Ozalid copies are prepared of the numbered diagram and, after a final check by the estimator, approved for release.

A five-inch-by-eight-inch card is prepared for each non-zero activity on the diagram (see Figs. 17 and 18). This card serves as a chronological history of the activity. As changes in estimates are made, they are recorded on the card, along with the date and the name of the person making the estimate.

Job Number	Sub-project:				
Prepared By:	Job Description				
Date:					
Job Duration					
Days	Date	Source	Days	Date	Source

Fig. 17. Activity File Card (Front)







Fortran-compiled programs store integers in the decrement portion. If the present capacity should become restrictive, the program has been designed so that the data can be conveniently packed to give capacities of 5,400; 6,750; or 9,000 activities, depending on the degree of packing used. Running time of the unpacked program is from four to seven minutes for two thousand activities, depending on the output options chosen. The basic computation exclusive of input-output is between ninety and one hundred and twenty seconds.

The basic documents are punched cards. There are four types. of cards, kept in separate files. The first card is the activity data card (see Fig. 19), which is divided into nineteen fields. The first two fields contain *i* and *j*, the tail and head node numbers. Field three contains the activity duration. The next fifteen fields contain the manpower requirements. Field nineteen is for comments. These comments normally concern whether or not the activity has been expedited. The second card is the activity description card (see Fig. 20) and consists of three fields. Fields one and two again contain *i* and *j*. Field three contains a fifty-five-character alpha-numeric job description.

Fig. 19. Activity Data Card









calendar dates in this fashion makes it possible to consider the effects of all expected holidays and weekends.

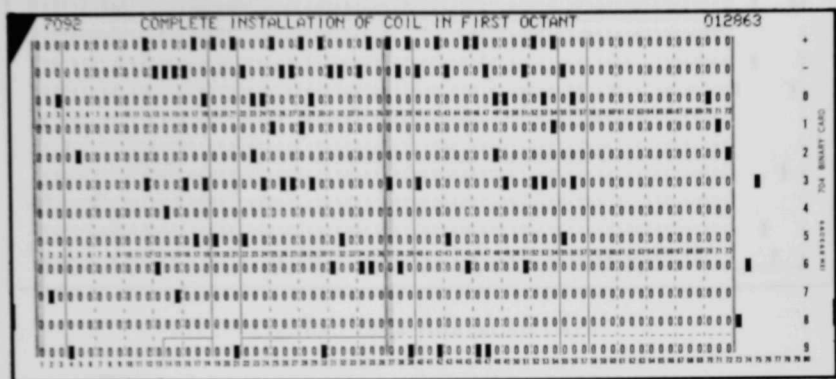


Fig. 21. Project Milestone Card

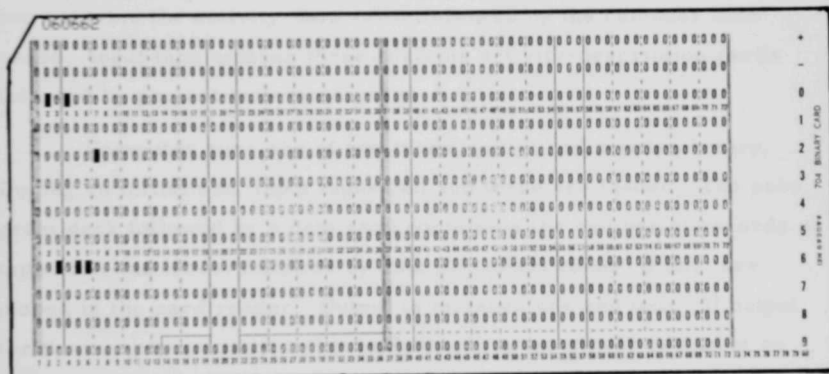


Fig. 22. Calendar Date Card

The fifth type of card, which is not filed, is the data-alteration card (Fig. 23). These are used to determine the effect of changes of activity duration or of arbitrary times of activity completion. Their format is identical with that of the activity-data card except that column seventy contains a control digit which determines how the program will manipulate the data on the card.



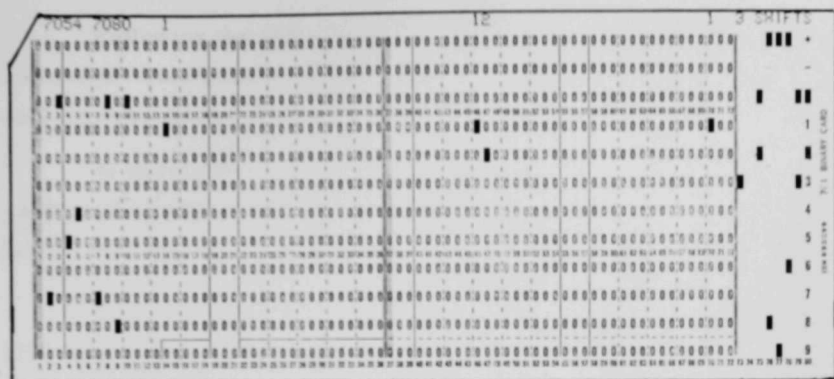


Fig. 23. Data Alteration Card

The card-to-tape run is performed by an IBM 1401 computer and is based on a standard Argonne script routine. Input tape number two contains the activity-data cards followed by the calendar date cards. Input tape number three contains activity-description cards followed by project-milestone cards.

Computer runs are of two types, initial and supplementary. During an initial run, input tapes two and three are loaded. The program deck followed by a data card containing the number of records on tapes two and three, followed by data alteration cards, if any, are placed in the card reader. Output is on tapes one and four. If output for the manpower computation is desired, sense switch two must be up and an output tape five loaded.

After the program has been loaded, the activity data cards and the calendar date cards are read in from tape two. Tape two is re-wound. The data are checked for incorrect numbering, sequencing, and duplications. If there are errors, they are printed on-line and, following the completion of the data check, the program stops with an HPR22222. Computation cannot proceed until the data have been corrected.



Following the data check, an indexing parameter, JKMIN, is computed. This quantity determines the lower limit of indexing for each activity during the backward pass.

At this point, if sense switch three is down, data-alteration cards will be read from the card reader and the data in storage altered. The control digit, NQ, in column seventy controls the program.

If sense switch three is up or if  $NQ = 2$ , the forward pass begins. The earliest starting time for each activity, JEST, is computed. The maximum value of JEST is computed and all latest finishing times, JLFT, set equal to it.

The backward pass now begins and all JLFT are computed.

Following this, the output phase begins. The input buffer for tape three is loaded with ten records of activity-description data. If sense switch two is up, the input buffer for tape two is loaded with ten records of manpower data. The earliest finishing time, JEFT; latest starting time, JLST; and the total slack, MTFT, are computed. JEST, JEFT, JLST, and JLFT are converted to their equivalent calendar dates. These data merged with the appropriate activity description and manpower data are transferred to the output buffer.

Errors in the activity-description file will be printed on-line, under control of sense switch five. If the program cannot locate the proper activity description, zeros will be substituted and the program will proceed.

When the output buffer has been loaded with ten records, output on tape four takes place. If sense switch two is up, JEST, JEFT, and manpower data will be written on tape five.

Following completion of the first output phase, milestone output begins, under control of sense switch four.



Next, calendar dates are written on tape five. If the present value of NQ is five, the program will advance. If not, it will loop back and read more data-alteration cards. If  $NQ = 5$ , output tapes will be end filed and rewound. The entire contents of the memory and the condition of the control console will be dumped onto tape one by means of the NYU Save and Restore Functions. This is used as a restart tape for supplementary runs. The program will now pause with an HPR77777. Pressing start will cause it to loop back and read more data-alteration cards.

To make a supplementary run input, tapes one and three and output tape four are loaded. The program loads from tape one and pauses with HPR77777. Pressing start causes it to loop back and read data-alteration cards. Output is similar to that of the initial run. At the end, the present contents of storage and console will again be dumped onto tape one.

Supplementary runs can be used for two different reasons. If no new activities are to be added, updating runs can be made by simulating completed activities with data-alteration cards of duration zero; thus, no new card-to-tape run is required. Second, the effect of proposed duration changes can be tested. If the change produces an acceptable change in the output, the data-alteration card can replace the data card in the data card file. If the change is not acceptable the card can be discarded.

#### Manpower and Editing Program

The program is divided into two main sections:

1. manpower requirement determination; and
2. editing of critical path program output.

Output tapes four and five of the critical path program are used as input.





The purpose of the manpower computation is to determine the number of men, in each skill category, that will be required on each working day of the project. Fifteen skill categories are used. Five are assigned to Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) employees and ten to C-24 contract employees (C-24 workers constitute outside labor contracted for during construction). The categories are:

1. Optical Technician - (ANL)
2. Plastics Technician - (ANL)
3. Vacuum Technician - (ANL)
4. Mechanical Technician - (ANL)
5. Draftsman - (ANL)
6. Plastic Technician - (C-24)
7. Crane Operator - (C-24)
8. Electrical Technician - (C-24)
9. Machinist - (C-24)
10. Machinist Helper - (C-24)
11. Mechanical Technician - (C-24)
12. Pipe Fitter - (C-24)
13. Rigger - (C-24)
14. Welder - (C-24)
15. Welder Helper - (C-24)

The program assumes that each activity starts and finishes at the earliest possible time. Of course, this is not strictly true. However, an activity will usually be started near its earliest starting time unless it has been delayed to expedite a more critical activity.

Two hundred record input and output buffers are used. Data from tape number five, consisting of the earliest starting and finishing times and daily manpower requirements, are read into the input buffer. A storage location is designated for each skill category-day.



For each day that the activity is in progress the daily manpower requirement is added to the contents of the corresponding skill category-day location.

Output on tape number two consists of the manpower requirement per day per skill category, the total ANL and C-24 requirement per day, and the total man days required in each skill category. Optional output on tape number three can be used for off-line punching of output data cards. These cards can be used with an automatic curve plotter to prepare graphs of manpower versus date.

Output tape number four of the critical-path program is edited to produce two reports. The first is a list of the critical activities, namely, those with zero total slack. The second is a list of subcritical activities. A subcritical activity has been arbitrarily defined as one whose total slack is less than or equal to thirty days. Following this, output tapes four and five are scanned to produce a list of activities which must be started within the following fifty working days.

#### The Present Status of Network Analysis on the ZGS Project

A planning and scheduling group has been created within the Particle Accelerator Division. The group consists of two staff employees and two hourly employees. Its primary purpose is to use network analysis to coordinate and expedite construction of the ZGS.

The target date for closure of the ring magnet is June 1, 1963. Present calculations indicate that on a normal, one-shift-a-day basis this cannot be attained before the end of September 1963. Using negative-slack computations, we are in the process of determining which operations must be double shifted and/or have their resources increased to attain the June first date. When the computations are completed, a closed schedule will be published. Following the release of this schedule, regular biweekly reporting by project managers will



begin. The form illustrated in Fig. 24 will be used. In anticipation of the beginning of regular biweekly reporting, a five-hour indoctrination course was given to interested personnel during the latter part of January.

For convenient reference, our network analysis system has been named PERT. More people appear to be familiar with PERT than with CPM, so that this name more quickly communicates the basic ideas involved.

We have proposed that PERT reporting be extended to aspects of construction not under the direct control of ANL, specifically to the fabrication of components by outside contractors. A contractor's manual has been prepared which describes the basic philosophy of our system and enumerates the contractor's responsibilities and the assistance to be given to the contractor by ANL. The first application in this direction is expected to be the fabrication of the straight-section vacuum boxes. The requirement of PERT reporting is being written into the specifications of the achromatic magnet blocks. Westinghouse has volunteered to introduce PERT into the fabrication of the ring-magnet coils, a project already under way.

The computations have already disclosed a potential bottleneck. Original plans called for some preliminary work to be done on the ring-magnet coils in a workspace adjacent to octant number seven, the coil to remain in this area until it was placed in its octant. Calculation showed that this plan would introduce a delay of five months. The plan was revised to permit this work to be performed in the proton area. This bottleneck undoubtedly would have been discovered eventually, but the network analysis did uncover it and in sufficient time to permit alteration of the original plan.









The total cost of setting up the PERT system at ANL has been approximately forty-seven hundred dollars. In terms of the total cost of the ZGS, this amounts to roughly one hundredth of one percent of the project cost. Thirty-nine hundred dollars have been for salaries. An industrial seminar on PERT, held in January, attended by four staff members cost four hundred dollars. Time on the 704 at a rate of ninety dollars an hour has amounted to an estimated four hundred dollars.



## CHAPTER VIII

### GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRIAL USE OF PERT AND CPM

The use of techniques of network analysis is spreading through government agencies and private industry. PERT has been credited with cutting over two years from the Polaris development program. Although this figure has been disputed, the generally acknowledged success of PERT has caused it to be extended to other military research, development, and construction projects.<sup>1</sup> The largest of these projects is the construction of hardened, underground complexes for launching Atlas, Titan, and Minuteman intercontinental missiles. Other programs in which PERT is used are:

1. Eagle air-to-air missile, Navy;
2. Typhon anti-aircraft missile, Navy;
3. Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile, Air Force;
4. Skybolt (GAM-87A) air-to-ground ballistic missile, Air Force;
5. Nike-Zeus antimissile missile, Army.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has adopted a single-time-estimate form of PERT to prepare time and fiscal information on the civilian space program. The Atomic Energy Commission has specified the use of PERT in the design and construction of the ten-thousand-foot linear accelerator at Stanford University. General Electric's Light Military Electronics Department (LMED) and the Westinghouse Air Arm Division were introduced to PERT through the Polaris Program and have adopted it to many non-Polaris projects. A representative of General Electric is quoted as stating that in practically every instance where LMED applied PERT to a program

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<sup>1</sup>P. Geddes, "How Good Is PERT?", Aerospace Management, 4(1961) September, pp 41-43.



already under way, it discovered future problem areas in scheduling which were unknown to project managers.<sup>1</sup>

Private industry has in general favored the Critical Path Method. Projects on which it has been used include construction of chemical plants, office and apartment buildings, sewage treatment plants, and a Broadway play. Companies using CPM include: Allied Chemical, Anglin-Norcross, Catalytic Construction, Dow Chemical, du Pont, General Electric, Ford Motor Company, International Business Machines, Olin-Mathieson, Perini Limited, RCA, Sperry Rand, Union Carbide, and Washington Gaslight.

Some management consulting organizations are prepared to set up a PERT or CPM reporting system within a company. This service usually includes an indoctrination course for the company's employees. Five-day, in-plant training and indoctrination courses for fifteen to twenty men average around three thousand dollars. The major computer manufacturers now offer to process PERT/CPM networks on a service bureau basis. The minimum cost is in the neighborhood of seventy-five dollars.

Some large organizations with their own computing facilities have developed programs. Among these are Aerojet-General for the IBM 704, Lockheed for the IBM 709/7090, and Sperry Gyroscope for the UNIVAC II.

The cost of using PERT/CPM is low when compared with the benefits obtained. Navy experience indicates that the cost of PERT averages about 0.1% of contract price, slightly higher for small contracts.<sup>1</sup> This does not take into consideration possible savings due to the elimination of other reporting methods.

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<sup>1</sup>P. J. Klass, "PERT/PEP Management Tool Use Grows", Aviation Week, 73 (1960), November 28, pp 85-91.



## CHAPTER IX CONCLUSIONS

1. Because of the development of modern equipment for data processing, techniques of network analysis such as PERT and CPM will play an increasingly important role in the planning and scheduling of one-time engineering projects.

2. The most difficult aspect of PERT/CPM is the preparation of an accurate and representative network diagram. This requires a project manager with a thorough knowledge of his field. The networks must contain all activities which significantly constrain the end event.

3. For initial planning and resource management, the activity-oriented diagram is superior to the event-oriented diagram.

4. Diagrams should be numbered randomly or sequentially with some numbers missing. The author's preference is the sequential-missing number system because of its inherent logic and ease of data processing.

5. The merits of three time estimates versus one have not yet been resolved. The principal effect of using three time estimates is to cause a more pessimistic prediction. Recent trends appear to be toward the use of one estimate.

6. Some error can be tolerated in the initial estimates of activity duration. Early calculations will reveal which areas are critical or subcritical. These areas may then be examined more closely to improve the accuracy of the original estimates.

7. Network diagramming is not suitable to open-end, production-type projects for which more traditional methods, such as line-of-balance, can be used.





8. The use of PERT/CPM need not be costly. Military experience indicated that a cost of 0.1% of contract price is representative.

9. PERT/CPM has uncovered unknown problem areas in almost every situation in which it has been applied.







# APPENDIX A

## VARIABLES USED IN FORTRAN SOURCE PROGRAMS

### Dimensioned

I	Activity tail number
IA	1. Tail number of activity description 2. Event or milestone number
IDATE	Calendar date
IO	Tail number of activity in output buffer
J	Activity head number
JA	Head number of activity description
JD	Activity duration (days)
JDATE(1)	Earliest starting date
JDATE(2)	Latest starting date
JDATE(3)	Earliest finishing date
JDATE(4)	Latest finishing date
JDATEO	Value of JDATE in output buffer
JDES	Alpha-numeric activity description
JDESO	Value of JDES in output buffer
JD0	Value of JD in output buffer
JEFT	Earliest finishing time (days)
JEST	Earliest starting time (days)
JESTO	Value of JEST in output buffer
JKMIN	Indexing parameter used to determine starting point of comparison loop during backward pass
JLFT	Latest finishing time
JO	Value of J in output buffer
JSCHED	Scheduled date of project milestone
MP	Manpower required per activity
MPANL	ANL manpower required per day
MPCAT	Total manpower required per skill category
MPC24	C-24 Contract manpower required per day



MPO	Value of MP in output buffer
MPR	Total manpower required per skill category per day
MTFT	Total slack
MTFTO	Value of MTFT in output buffer

Nondimensioned

IAOLD	Previous value of IA
INEW	1. Value of I on data-alteration card 2. Number of day since last run used to update file of calendar dates
IOLD	Previous value of I
I1	Index of record being read from tape 2 input buffer
I2	Index of record being read from tape 3 input buffer
I3	Number of record to be read into tape 2 input buffer
I4	Total number of MP records from tape 2 read
I5	Total number of JDES records from tape 3 read
I6	Number of records to be read into tape 3 input buffer
I7	Number of record currently in output buffer
I8	Number of milestone records in input buffer
I9	Number of milestone records in output buffer
I10	Total number of milestone records read
I11	Total number of records on tape 5
I12	Number of records to be read into input buffer - manpower program
I13	Total number of records read into input buffer - manpower program
JAOLD	Previous value of JA
JDNEW	New value of JD on data-alteration card
JLST	Latest starting time
JNEW	Value of J on data-alteration card
JOLD	Previous value of J





KI	Activity index at which backward pass is started
LJLFT	Arbitrary time (days) of activity completion on data-alteration card
MFLOAT	Maximum value of total float used for editing tape 4
MJEFT	Maximum value of JEFT
MLFT	Maximum value of JLFT
ND	Number of calendar date records on tape 2
NET	Node early time
NJ	Number of activity-data records on tape 2
NJD	Number of activity-description records on tape 3
NLT	Node late time
NM	Number of milestone records on tape 3
NQ	Control digit punched in column 70 of data-alteration card: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Read new value of JD; do not make forward or backward pass</li> <li>2. Read new value of JD, and make a forward and backward pass</li> <li>3. Read in arbitrary completion time and make backward pass; no output</li> <li>4. Read in arbitrary completion time and make backward pass; output</li> <li>5. End of run; rewind tapes and stop</li> <li>6. Update calendar dates</li> </ol>
NI	Indexing parameter used in milestone computation
Y	Dummy variable used to call SOS function



APPENDIX B  
FORTRAN LISTING OF DATA-CHECKING PROGRAM

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C      JOHN C. POLLOCK, 1246/PAD-133
C      DATA CHECKING PROGRAM
C      SENSE SWITCH SETTINGS
C      1-DOWN, DOES NOT CHECK TAPE 3 FOR JOB DESCRIPTION
C      ERRORS
C      2-DOWN, DOES NOT CHECK TAPE 3 FOR MILESTONE CARD
C      ERRORS
C      TAPES USED
C      TWO-INPUT
C      THREE-INPUT
      DIMENSION I(4700), J(4700)
      IOLD=0
      JOLD=0
4      FORMAT(4I5)
      READ4, NJ, NJD, ND, NM
5      FORMAT(2I5)
      READINPUTTAPE2, 5, (I(K), J(K), K=1, NJ)
7      FORMAT
      RESTORE
      JOHN C. POLLOCK, BLDG. 360
      SPACE
      ON LINE PRINT OF ERRONEOUS DATA OF 1246/PAD 133
      SPACE
      IOLD      JOLD      I      J      ERROR
      SPACE
      ENDOFFORMAT
      PRINT 7
12     FORMAT
      SPACE 1

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FIRST CARD

-I -I

SPACE 1

ENDOFFORMAT

K1=NJ

18 PRINT 12, I(1), J(1)

DO 32 K=1, K1

IF(J(K)-I(K)) 20, 20, 22

8 FORMAT

-I -I -I

-I TAIL NUMBER EXCEEDS

X HEAD NUMBER

ENDOFFORMAT

20 PRINT 8, IOLD, JOLD, I(K), J(K)

GOTO 30

22 IF(I(K)-IOLD) 26, 24, 30

24 IF(J(K)-JOLD) 26, 28, 30

9 FORMAT

-I -I -I

-I SEQUENCE ERROR

ENDOFFORMAT

26 PRINT 9, IOLD, JOLD, I(K), J(K)

GOTO 30

10 FORMAT

-I -I -I

-I DUPLICATE CARD

ENDOFFORMAT

28 PRINT 10, IOLD, JOLD, I(K), J(K)

30 IOLD=I(K)

32 JOLD=J(K)

REWIND 2

33 FORMAT

SPACE 1

-I -I

LAST CARD



SPACE

ENDOFFORMAT

PRINT33, I(K1), J(K1)

IF(SENSESWITCH1) 140, 37

37 IF(SENSELIGHT 1) 42, 38

38 DO39K=1, NJ

I(K)=0

39 J(K)=0

IOLD=0

JOLD=0

READINPUTTAPE3, 5, (I(K), J(K), K=1, NJD)

K1=NJD

SENSELIGHT1

40 FORMAT

SPACE3

JOB DESCRIPTION CARD ERRORS

SPACE2

ENDOFFORMAT

PRINT40

GOTO18

42 IF(SENSESWITCH2)60, 44

44 DO45K=1, NJ

45 I(K)=0

46 FORMAT

SPACE3

MILESTONE CARD ERRORS

SPACE3

IOLD I(K)

ENDOFFORMAT

PRINT46

3 FORMAT(I5)

47 READINPUTTAPE3, 3, (I(K), K=1, NM)





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IOLD=0
DO56K=1, NM
IF(I(K)-IOLD)54, 50, 56
48  FORMAT
      -I      -I      DUPLICATE CARD
ENDOFFORMAT
50  PRINT48, IOLD, I(K)
GOTO56
52  FORMAT
      -I      -I      INCORRECT SEQUENCE
ENDOFFORMAT
54  PRINT52, IOLD, I(K)
56  CONTINUE
58  FORMAT
SPACE 1
      -I      LAST MILESTONE CARD
ENDOFFORMAT
PRINT58, I(NM)
60  REWIND3
140 STOP77777
END(0, 1, 0, 0, 1)

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APPENDIX C  
FORTRAN LISTING OF CRITICAL PATH PROGRAM

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C      CRITICAL JOB DETERMINATION
C      TAPES USED
C      ONE-INPUT-OUTPUT, SOSF TAPE
C      TWO-INPUT (JOB DATA, DATE DATA)
C      THREE-INPUT (JOB DESCRIPTIONS)
C      FOUR-OUTPUT (FOR OFF-LINE PRINTING)
C      FIVE OUTPUT, DATA FOR MANPOWER COMPUTATION
C      SENSE SWITCH SETTINGS
C      ONE-DOWN, DOE NOT REWIND TAPE 4
C      TWO, UP MANPOWER OUTPUT ON TAPE 5
C      TWO, DOWN NO MANPOWER OUTPUT ON TAPE 5
C      THREE, DOWN-READ CARDS DURING INITIAL RUN
C      FOUR, UP-MILESTONE PRINTOUT
C      FOUR, DOWN-NO MILESTONE PRINTOUT
C      FIVE, UP-JOB DATA CARD ERRORS PRINTED
C      XON LINE
      DIMENSIONI(4500), J(4500), JD(4500),
XJKMIN(4500), JEST(4500), JLFT(4500),
XIDATE(650), IO(10), JO(10), JDO(10),
XJDES(10,10), JDESO(10,10), JEFT(10), JESTO(10),
XMTFT(10), JDATE(4,10), MP(15,10), MPO(15,10),
XJSCHED(10), IA(10), JA(10)
1500  FORMAT (415)
      READ1500,NJ, NJD, ND, NM
C      NJ=TOTAL NUMBER OF JOB DATA CARDS
C      NJD=TOTAL NUMBER OF JOB DESCRIPTION CARDS
C      ND=TOTAL NUMBER OF CALENDAR DATE CARDS
C      NM=TOTAL NUMBER OF MILESTONE CARDS
C      INITIALIZE STORAGE
      NQ=5

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19      DO20K=1, NJ
        JEST(K)=0
20      JKMIN(K)=0
        IOLD=0
        JOLD=0
C      DATA INPUT
5      FORMAT (215, 14)
        READINPUTTAPE2, 5, (I(K), J(K), JD(K),
        XK=1, NJ)
6      FORMAT (1X, A6)
        READINPUTTAPE2, 6, (IDATE(K), K=1, ND)
        REWIND2
C      CHECK FOR SEQUENCE AND DUPLICATE DATA
7      FORMAT
        RESTORE
            JOHN C. POLLOCK, BLDG. 360, X2542
        SPACE
            ON LINE PRINT OF ERRONEOUS DATA OF 1246/PAD 133
        SPACE
            IOLD      JOLD      I(K)      J(K)      K
        SPACE
        ENDOFFORMAT
        PRINT7
48      DO80K=1, NJ
        IF(J(K)-I(K))60, 60, 49
49      IF(I(K)-IOLD)60, 50, 70
50      IF(J(K)-JOLD)60, 60, 70
60      SENSELIGHT1
8      FORMAT(I13, 4I9)
        PRINT8, IOLD, JOLD, I(K), J(K), K
70      IOLD=I(K)

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80      JOLD=J(K)
        IF(SENSELIGHT1)90, 91
90      STOP22222
C      COMPUTE MIN VAL OF SUBSCRIPT K FOR
C      XIDENTICAL J
91      DO130K=1, NJ
92      IF(JKMIN(K))130, 100, 130
100     JKMIN(K)=K
101     DO120L=K, NJ
        IF(J(K)-I(L))130, 130, 102
102     IF(J(K)-J(L))120, 110, 120
110     JKMIN(L)=K
120     CONTINUE
130     CONTINUE
        SENSELIGHT 1
        IF(SENSESWITCH3) 140, 220
C      INSERT NEW DATA INTO MEMORY
C      NQ=1, READ NEW VALUE OF JD(K). DO NOT MAKE
C      FORWARD OR BACKWARD PASS
C      NQ=2, READ NEW VALUE OF JD(K), MAKE FORWARD
C      AND BACKWARD PASS
C      NQ=3, READ IN ARBITRARY JLFT(K). MAKE BACKWARD
C      PASS. NO PRINT OUT
C      NQ=4, READ IN ARBITRARY JLFT(K). MAKE BACKWARD
C      PASS. PRINT OUT.
C      NQ=5, END OF RUN. REWIND TAPES AND STOP
C      NQ=6, UPDATE CALENDAR DATES
12      FORMAT(2I5, 14, 3X, I3, 49X, 11)
140     READ12, INEW, JNEW, JDNEW, LJLFT, NQ
        GOTO(161, 141, 161, 161, 1252, 1402), NQ
1402    ND=ND-INEW

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      DO1403K=1, ND
      L=K+INEW
1403  IDATE(K)=IDATE(L)
      GOTO140
141   DO150K=1, NJ
      JEST(K)=0
150   JLFT(K)=0
161   DO190K=1, NJ
162   IF(INEW-I(K))190, 170, 190
170   IF(JNEW-J(K))190, 180, 190
180   GOTO(182, 182, 200, 200), NQ
182   JD(K)=JDNEW
      GOTO(140, 220, 140, 140), NQ
190   CONTINUE
200   IF(LJLFT-JLFT(K))202, 140, 140
202   JLFT(K)=LJLFT
      KI=K
204   GOTO310
C     COMPUTE EARLIEST STARTING TIMES
220   DO260K=1, NJ
      NET=JEST(K)+JD(K)
221   DO250L=K, NJ
      IF(I(L)-J(K))250, 230, 260
230   IF(JEST(L)-NET)240, 260, 260
240   JEST(L)=NET
250   CONTINUE
260   CONTINUE
C     COMPUTE MAX VALUE OF JEFT
      MLFT=JEST(1)+JD(1)
261   DO290K=2, NJ
      JLFT(K)=JEST(K)+JD(K)

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      IF(JLFT(K)-MLFT)290,290,280
280  MLFT=JLFT(K)
290  CONTINUE
C    SET ALL JLFT (K) EQUAL TO MLFT
291  DO300K=1,NJ
300  JLFT(K)=MLFT
C    COMPUTE LATEST FINISHING TIMES
309  K1=NJ
310  DO370K=1,K1
      L=K1+1-K
      NLT=JLFT(L)-JD(L)
311  DO330M=1,L
      N=L+1-M
      IF(J(N)-I(L))330,320,330
320  IF(NLT-JLFT(N))340,370,370
330  CONTINUE
      GOTO370
340  M=JKMIN(N)
341  DO360I=M,N
      IF(J(I)-J(N))360,350,360
350  JLFT(I)=NLT
360  CONTINUE
370  CONTINUE
      GOTO(384,384,140,384,384,384),NQ
C    OUTPUT VALUES FOR ALL JOBS
C    INDEX I1=VALUE OF MP(M, I1) BEING READ FROM INPUT
C    BUFFER
C    INDEX I2=SUBSCRIPT OF JDES(M, I2) BEING READ FROM
C    INPUT BUFFER
C    INDEX I3,=NUMBER OF MP(L, I) RECORDS TO BE READ INTO
C    INPUT BUFFER

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C INDEX I4= TOTAL NUMBER OF MP(L, I) RECORDS READ  
 C TO DATE  
 C INDEX I5= TOTAL NUMBER OF JDES(I, L) RECORDS READ  
 C TO DATE  
 C INDEX I6= NUMBER OF JDES(I, L) RECORDS TO BE READ  
 C INTO INPUT BUFFER  
 C INDEX I7= SUBSCRIPT OF OUTPUT DATA IN OUTPUT  
 C BUFFER  
 C INDEX I8= NUMBER OF MILESTONE RECORDS IN INPUT  
 C BUFFER  
 C INDEX I9= NUMBER OF MILESTONE RECORDS IN OUTPUT  
 C BUFFER  
 C INDEX I10= TOTAL NUMBER OF MILESTONE RECORDS  
 C READ  
 C INDEX I10= TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDS ON TAPE 7  
 384 IAOLD=0  
 JAOLD=0  
 10 FORMAT  
 RESTORE

THIS OUTPUT IS FOR

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SPACE3

XINATION ZGS ASSEMBLY, CRITICAL PATHDETERM

SPACE 2

JOB NUMBER		JOB DESCRIPTION		DU	
XINATION		STARTING DATE	FINISH DATE		SLACK

I	J	EARLY		LATE		(DAYS)
X(DAYS)						

SPACE

ENDOFFORMAT

WRITEOUTPUTTAPE4, 10

IF(SENSESWITCH5) 386, 385



17     FORMAT

## ERRORS IN JOB DESCRIPTION FILE

SPACE

IOLD

JOLD

I(K)

J(K)

ENDOFFORMAT

385     PRINT17

386     I1=1

I2=1

I3=10

I4=0

I5=0

387     I6=10

I7=1

I11=0

388     SENSELIGHT2

SENSELIGHT3

DO 1084 K=1,NJ

IF(SENSELIGHT2) 1002, 1004

701     FORMAT (2I5, 1X, 9A6, A1)

1002     READINPUTTAPE3, 701, (IA(L), JA(L),

X(JDES(I, L), I=1, 10), L=1, I6)

1004     IF(SENSELIGHT3) 1006, 1010

1006     IF(SENSESWITCH2) 1010, 1008

9     FORMAT(14X, 15I3)

1008     READINPUTTAPE2, 9, (MP(L, I), L=1, 15),

XI=1, I3)

1010     IF(JD(K)) 1012, 1078, 1012

1012     I1=I11+1

DO 1014 M=1, 15

1014     MPO(M, I7)=MP(M, I1)

1016     IF(JA(I2)-IA(I2)) 1022, 1022, 1018





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1018 IF(IA(I2)-IAOLD)1022,1020,1026
1020 IF(JA(I2)-JAOLD)1022,1024,1026
1022 IF(SENSESWITCH 5)1026, 1023
15  FORMAT
      -I      -I      -I      -I INCORRECT SEQUENCE
      ENDOFFORMAT
1023 PRINT 15, IAOLD, JAOLD, JAOLD, IA(I2), JA(I2)
      GOTO1026
1024 SENSELIGHT2
      IF(SENSESWITCH5) 1026, 1025
16  FORMAT
      -I      -I      -I      -I DUPLICATE CARD
      END OF FORMAT
1025 PRINT 16, IAOLD, JAOLD, IA(I2), JA(I2)
1026 IF(I(K) - IA(I2))1040, 1028, 1029
1028 IF(J(K)-JA(I2))1040, 1042, 1029
1029 IF(SENSELIGHT2) 1033, 1030
1030 IF(SENSESWITCH5)1032, 1031
18  FORMAT
      -I      -I NO CORRESPONDING
      DATA CARD
      ENDOFFORMAT
1031 PRINT 18, IA(I2), JA(I2)
1032 IAOLD=IA(I2)
      JAOLD=JA(I2)
1033 I5=I5+1
      IF(I6-I2) 1034, 1035, 1034
1034 I2=I2+1
      GOTO1016
1035 I2=1
      IF((NJD-I5)-10) 1036, 1002, 1002
1036 I6=NJD-I5

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1038  GOTO1002
1040  SENSELIGHT4
1042  JEFT(I7)=JEST(K)+JD(K)
      JLST=JLFT(K)-JD(K)
      MTFT(I7)=JLST-JEST(K)
      IF(JEST(K))1051, 1050, 1051
1050  JDATE(1, I7)=IDATE(1)
      GOTO1049
1051  L=JEST(K)
      JDATE(1, I7)=IDATE(L)
1049  IF(JLST)1052, 1052, 1053
1052  JDATE(2, I7)=IDATE(1)
      GOTO1054
1053  JDATE(2, I7)=IDATE(JLST)
1054  L=JEFT(I7)
      JDATE(3, I7)=IDATE(L)
      IF(JLFT(K))1055, 1055, 1056
1055  JDATE(4, I7)=IDATE(1)
      GOTO1057
1056  L=JLFT(K)
      JDATE(4, I7)=IDATE(L)
1057  I0(I7)=I(K)
      J0(I7)=J(K)
      JDO(I7)=JD(K)
      IF(SENSELIGHT4)1058, 1060
1058  DO1059N=1, 10
1059  JDESO(N, I7)=0
      SENSELIGHT4
      GOTO1064
1060  DO1062N=1, 10
1062  JDESO(N, I7)=JDES(N, I2)

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1064  JESTO(17)=JEST(K)
      IF(17-10)1070,1066,1070
1066  I7=0
      11  FORMAT (2I6, 2X, 9A6, A1, I6, A11, A8, A9, A8, A17)
      WRITEOUTPUTTAPE4, 11, (IO(N),JO(N),
      X(JDESO(M, N), M=1, 10), JDO(N), (JDATE
      X(M, N), M=1, 4), MTFT(N), N=1, 10)
      IF(SENSESWITCH2) 1070, 1068
      3  FORMAT (17I3)
1068  WRITEOUTPUTTAPE5, 3, (JESTO(N), JEFT(N),
      X(MPO(M, N), M=1, 15), N=1, 10)
1070  I7=I7+1
      IF(SENSELIGHT4) 1078, 1071
1071  IAOLD=IA(I2)
      JAOLD=JA(I2)
      I5=I5+1
      IF(I6-I2)1075, 1072, 1075
1072  I2=1
      IF((NJD-I5) -10) 1073, 1074, 1074
1073  I6=NJD-I5
1074  SENSELIGHT2
      GOTO1078
1075  I2=I2+1
1078  I1=I1+1
      I4=I4+1
      IF(I1-I1)1084, 1080, 1084
1080  I1=1
      SENSELIGHT3
      IF((NJ-I4) -10)1082, 1084, 1084
1082  I3=NJ-I4
1084  CONTINUE

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1217 I7=I7-1
      IF(I7)1200,1200,1086
1086  WRITEOUTPUTTAPE4,11,(IO(N),JO(N),
      X(JDESO(M,N),M=1,10),JDO(N),(JDATE(M,N),
      XM=1,4),MTFT(N),N=1,17)
      IF(SENSESWITCH2)1200,1088
1088  WRITEOUTPUTTAPE5,3,(JESTO(N),JEFT(N),
      X(MPO(M,N),M=1,15),N=1,17)
1200  IF(SENSESWITCH4)1250,1202
1201  FORMAT
      RESTORE
      ZGS ASSEMBLY, MAJOR MILESTONES
      SPACE3
      EVENT          EVENT DESCRIPTION
X     EARLIEST SCHEDULED LATEST EVENT SLACK
      NUMBER
X     DATE          DATE          DATE          (DAYS)
      SPACE2
      ENDOFFORMAT
1202  WRITEOUTPUTTAPE4,1201
      IF(NM-10)1204,1206,1206
1204  I8=N
      GOTO1207
1206  I8=10
1207  N1=1
      I9=1
      I10=1
      SENSELIGHT2
1208  DO1244K=1,NM
      IF(SENSELIGHT2)1211,1212
1210  FORMAT (I5,6X,9A6,A1,3X,A6)

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1211  READINPUTTAPE3, 1210, (IA(J), (JDES(L, J),
      XL=1, 10), JSCHED(J), J=1, 18)
1212  DO1216N=N1, NJ
      IF(IA(I9)-I(N))1216, 1214, 1216
1214  I1=JEST(N)
      JDATE(1, I9)=IDATE(I1)
      N1=N
      GOTO1218
1216  CONTINUE
1218  DO1230N=1, NJ
      M=N1-N
      IF(IA(I9)-J(M))1230, 1220, 1230
1220  I2=JLFT(M)
      IF(I2) 1222, 1222, 1226
1222  JDATE(2, I9)=IDATE(1)
      GOTO 1228
1226  JDATE(2, I9)=IDATE(I2)
1228  MTFT(I9)=I2-I1
      GOTO1231
1230  CONTINUE
1231  IF(I9-I8)1240, 1233, 1240
1233  IF((NM-I10)-10) 1234, 1235, 1235
1234  I8=NM-I10
1235  SENSELIGHT2
1236  FORMAT(I14, 5X, 9A6, A1, A12, A11, A9, I9)
      WRITEOUTPUTTAPE4, 1236, (IA(J), (JDES
      X(L, J), L=1, 10), JDATE(1, J), JSCHED(J),
      XJDATE(2, J), MTFT(J), J=1, I9)
      I9=1
      GOTO1242
1240  I9=I9+1

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1242  I10=I10+1
1244  CONTINUE
1250  REWIND3
      IF(SENSELIGHT 1) 1252, 1251
1251  GOTO(140, 140, 140, 140, 1252), NQ
1252  IF(SENSESWITCH2) 1254, 1253
1253  WRITEOUTPUTTAPE 5, 6, (IDATE(K), K=1, ND)
      REWIND5
      REWIND2
      PUNCH5, I 11, ND
1254  IF(SENSESWITCH1) 1270, 1262
1262  ENDFILE4
      REWIND4
      Y=SOSF(1)
1270  PAUSE77777
      GOTO140
      END(0, 1, 0, 0, 1)

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# APPENDIX D FORTRAN LISTING OF MANPOWER DETERMINATION AND OUTPUT EDITING PROGRAM

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C      TAPES USED
C      TWO-OUTPUT
C      THREE-OUTPUT FOR OFF-LINEPUNCHING
C      FOUR-INPUT FOR EDITING
C      FIVE-INPUT FOR MANPOWER COMPUTATION
C      SENSESWITCH SETTINGS
C      ONE-DOWN, NO OUTPUT ON TAPE5
C      TWO-DOWN, DOES NOT EDIT FOR
C      ACTIVITIES WHICH MUST START IN NEXT
C      FIFTY DAYS
C      THREE-DOWN, DOES NOT EDIT TAPE4
      DIMENSIONIDATE(750), MPR (15, 750),MP
      X(15,200),JEST(200),JEFT(200),MPANL(750),
      XMPC24(750), MPCAT(15),I(200),J(200),
      XJD(200),JDES(10,200),JDATE(4,200), MTFT (200),
      XJLST(200),IO(200),JO(200),JDO(200),
      XJDESO(10,200),JDATEO(4,200),MTFTO(200)
3      FORMAT(2I5)
      READ3, I11, ND
C      ZERO OUT STORAGE
20     DO22K=1, I11
      DO22L=1,15
22     MPR(L,K)=0
      MJEFT=0
      IF(I11-200)25,26,26
25     I12=I11
      GOTO27
26     I12=200
  
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27      I13=0
        I14=0
6       FORMAT(17I3)
29      READINPUTTAPE5,6 (JEST(K), JEFT(K),
X(MP(J,K), J=1, 15), K=1, I12)
        I13=I13+I12
        DO30J=1, I12
          MJEFT=XMAX0F(MJEFT, JEFT(J))
30      JEFT(J)=JEFT(J)-1
        DO32J=1, I12
          I15=JEST(J)
          I16=JEFT(J)
          DO32I=I15, I16
            DO32L=1, 15
32      MPR(L, I)=MPR(L, I)+MP(L, J)
          IF((I11-I13)-200)33, 29, 29
33      IF(I11-I13)36, 36, 34
34      I12=I11-I13
        GOTO29
36      DO42I=1, MJEFT
        DO40J=1, 5
40      MPANL(I)=MPANL(I)+MPR(J, I)
        DO42J=6, 15
42      MPC24(I)=MPC24(I)+MPR(J, I)
        DO44I=1, 15
        DO44J=1, MJEFT
44      MPCAT(I)=MPCAT(I)+MPR(I, J)
5       FORMAT(1X, A6)
        READINPUTTAPE5, 5(IDATE(K), K=1, ND)
        REWIND5
4       FORMAT

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RESTORE

THIS OUTPUT IS FOR

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SPACE3

ZGS ASSEMBLY, CRITICAL PATH CAL  
XCULATION OF MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS

SPACE2

DATE MANPOWER REQUIRED

SPACE2

CATEGORY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

X 10 11 12 13 14 15 DAILY TOTAL

X ANL C-24

SPACE

ENDOFFORMAT

WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2,4

7 FORMAT(8X,A6,I18,I4I5,I8,I6)

WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2,7,(IDATE(K),(MPR  
X(J,K),J=1,15),MPANL(K),MPC24(K),K=1,MJEFT)

8 FORMAT

SPACE3

TOTAL MAN-DAYS PER SKILL CATEG

XORY

SPACE1

CATEGORY 1, OPTICAL TECHNICIAN(ANL)

X -I MAN-DAYS

CATEGORY 2, PLASTICS TECHNICIAN (ANL)

X -I MAN-DAYS

CATEGORY 3, VACUUM TECHNICIAN (ANL)

X -I MAN-DAYS

CATEGORY 4, MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN (ANL)

X -I MAN-DAYS



## CATEGORY 5, DRAFTSMAN (ANL)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 6, PLASTICS TECHNICIAN (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 7, CRANE OPERATOR (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 8, ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 9, MACHINIST (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 10, MACHINIST HELPER (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 11, MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 12, PIPE FITTER (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 13, RIGGER (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 14, WELDER (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

## CATEGORY 15, WELDER HELPER (C-24)

X -I MAN-DAYS

ENDOFFORMAT

WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2,8,(MPCAT(K),K=1,15)

IF(SENSESWITCH1)70,46

9 FORMAT(18I4)

46 WRITEOUTPUTTAPE3,9,((MPR(J,K),J=1,15),

XMPANL(K),MPC24(K),K=1,MJEFT)

ENDFILE3

REWIND3

70 IF(SENSESWITCH3)154,73



72     FORMAT

      RESTORE

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SPACE3

      ZGS PROJECT, CRITICAL ACTIVIT

XIES

SPACE2

JOB NUMBER	JOB DESCRIPTION		DU	
STARTING DATE	FINISH DATE	SLACK		
I	J			
XDAYS)	EARLY	LATE	EARLY LATE	(DAYS)

SPACE

ENDOFFORMAT

73     WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2, 72

MFLOAT=0

SENSELIGHT1

75     IF(I11-200)76, 78, 78

76     I12=I11

GOTO80

78     I12=200

80     I13=0

I15=1

200     FORMAT

      RESTORE

DUMMY

DUMMY

SPACE3

DUMMY

SPACE2

DUMMY



## DUMMY

SPACE

ENDOFFORMAT

READINPUTTAPE4,200

74   FORMAT(2I6, 2X, 9A6, A1, I6, A11, A8, A9, A8, I7)

82   READINPUTTAPE4, 74, (I(K), J(K), (JDES(I,K),

XI=1, 10), JD(K), (JDATE(I,K), I=1, 4),

XMTFT(K), K=1, I12)

I13=I13+I12

DO102K=1, I12

IF(MTFT(K)-MFLOAT)84, 84, 102

84   IO(I15)=I(K)

JO(I15)=J(K)

JDO(I15)=JD(K)

DO88J=1, 10

88   JDES(J, I15)=JDES(J,K)

DO90J=1, 4

90   JDATE(J, I15)=JDATE(J,K)

MTFTO(I15)=MTFT(K)

IF(I15-200) 100, 96, 96

96   WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2, 74, (IO(L), JO(L),

X(JDES(M,L), M=1, 10), JDO(L), (JDATE(M,L),

XM=1, 4), MTFTO(L), L=1,200)

I15=1

GOTO102

100   I15=I15+1

102   CONTINUE

IF(I11-I13) 109, 109, 106

106   IF((I11-I13)-200)108,82,82

108   I12=I11-I13

GOTO82





109 I15=I15-1

REWIND4

WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2, 74, (IO(L), JD(L),

X(JDESO(M, L), M=1, 10), JDO(L), (JDATEO(M, L),

XM=1, 4), MTFTO(L), L=1, I15)

IF(SENSELIGHT1) 110, 118

110 MFLOAT=30

112 FORMAT

RESTORE

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SPACE3

ZGS PROJECT, SUBCRITICAL ACTIVITIES (SLACK  
XLESS THAN OR EQUAL TO THIRTY DAYS)

SPACE2

JOB NUMBER		JOB DESCRIPTION		DU	
XRATION		STARTING DATE	FINISH DATE	SLACK	
I	J				

X(DAYS)	EARLY	LATE	EARLY	LATE	(DAYS)

SPACE

ENDOFFORMAT

WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2, 112

GOTO75

116 FORMAT

RESTORE

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SPACE3

ZGS PROJECT, LIST OF ACTIVITIES WHICH MUST  
XBE STARTED WITHIN THE NEXT FIFTY DAYS

SPACE2



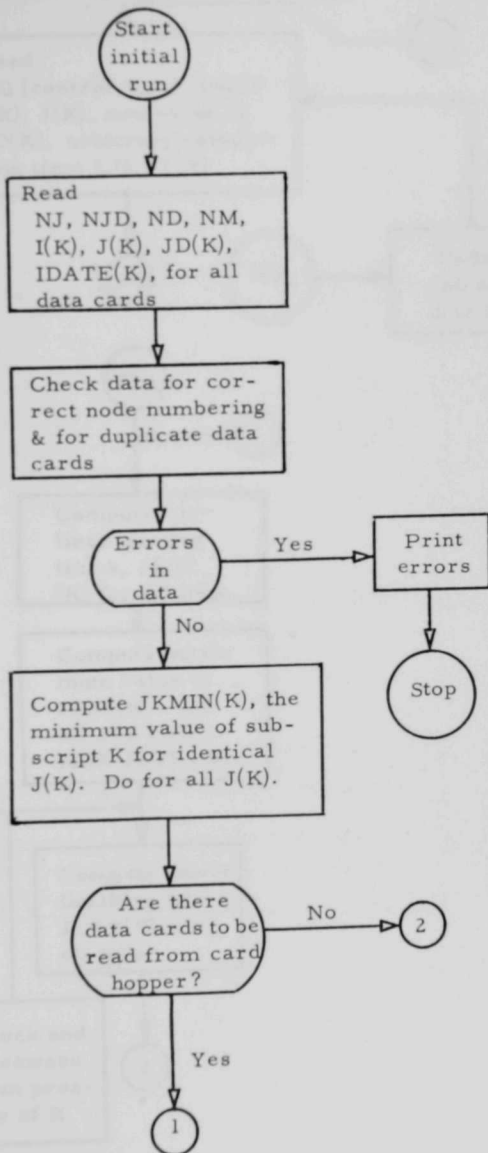
JOB NUMBER	JOB DESCRIPTION		DU
XRATION	STARTING DATE	FINISH DATE	SLACK
I	J		
X(DAYS)	EARLY	LATE	EARLY LATE (DAYS)
	SPACE		
	ENDOFFORMAT		
118	IF(SENSESWITCH2)154, 119		
119	WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2, 116		
	IF(I11-200) 120, 122, 122		
120	I12=I11		
	GOTO124		
122	I12=200		
124	I13=0		
	I15=1		
	READINPUTTAPE4, 200		
126	READINPUTTAPE4, 74, (I(K), J(K), JD, (K), X(JDES(I, K), I=1, 10), (JDATE(I, K), I=1, 4), XMTFT(K), K=1, I12)		
127	FORMAT (I3)		
	READINPUTTAPE5, 127, (JEST(K), K=1, I12)		
	I13=I13+I12		
	DO130K=1, I12		
130	JLST(K)=JEFT(K)+MTFT(K)		
	DO146K=1, I12		
	IF(JLST(K)-50)132, 132, 146		
132	IO(I15)=I(K)		
	JO(I15)=J(K)		
	JDO(I15)=JD(K)		
	DO134J=1, 10		
134	JDESO(J, I15)=JDES(J, K)		
	DO136J=1, 4		



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136   JDATEO(J,I15)=JDATE(J,K)
      MTFTO(I15)=MTFT(K)
      IF(I15-200)144, 140, 140
140   WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2, 74, (IO(L), JO(L),
      X(JDESO(M, L), M=1, 10), JDO(L), (JDATEO(M, L),
      XM=1, 4), MTFTO(L), L=1, 200)
      I15=1
      GOTO146
144   I15=I15+1
146   CONTINUE
      IF(I11-I13)152, 152, 148
148   IF((I11-I13)-200) 150, 126, 126
150   I12=I11-I13
      GOTO126
152   I15=I15-1
      REWIND4
      WRITEOUTPUTTAPE2, 74, (IO(L), JO(L),
      X(JDESO(M, L), M=1, 10), JDO(L), (JDATEO(M, L),
      XM=1, 4), MTFTO(L), L=1, I15)
154   ENDFILE2
      REWIND2
      REWIND5
      STOP77777
      END(0, 1, 0, 0, 1)
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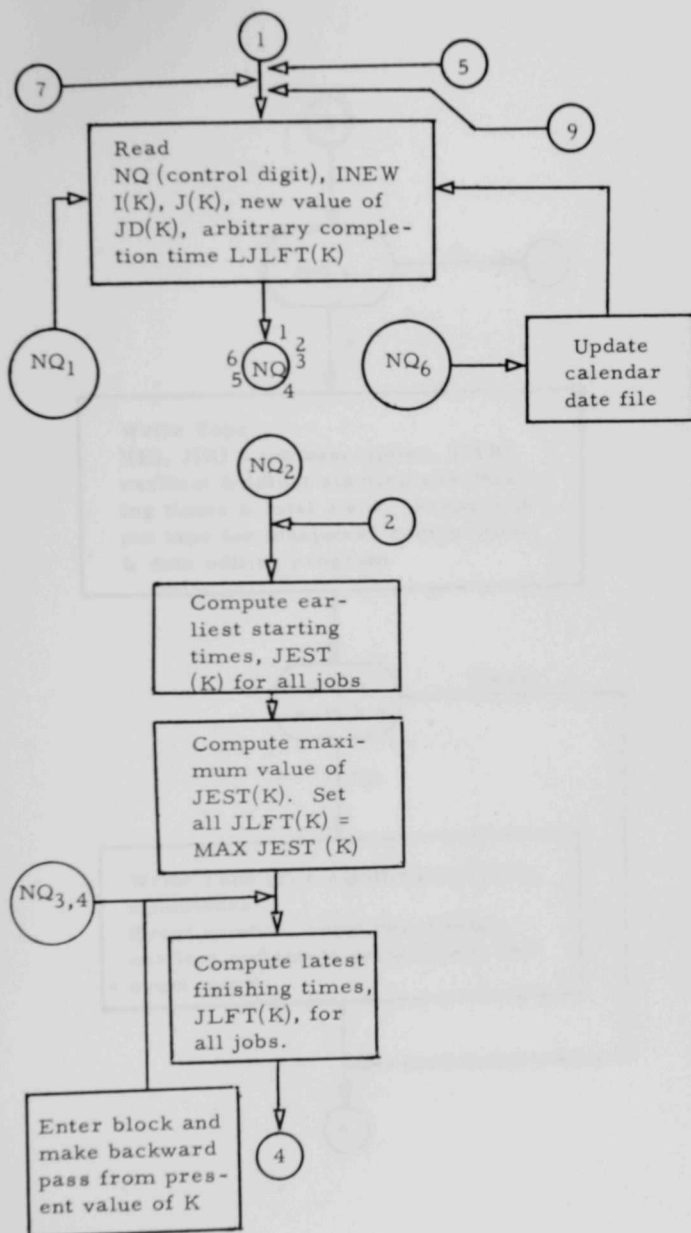


APPENDIX E  
OVERALL FLOWCHART, CRITICAL PATH PROGRAM

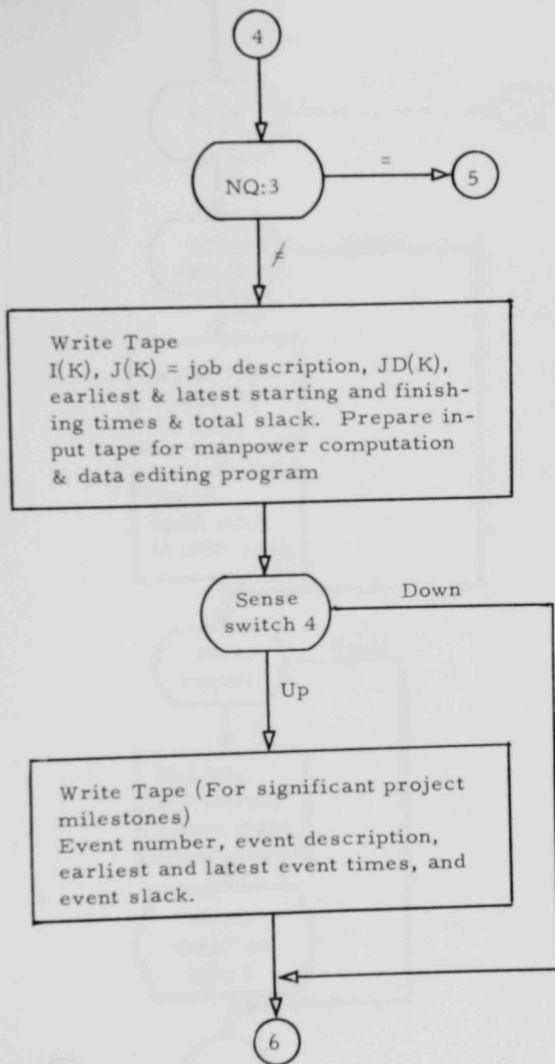




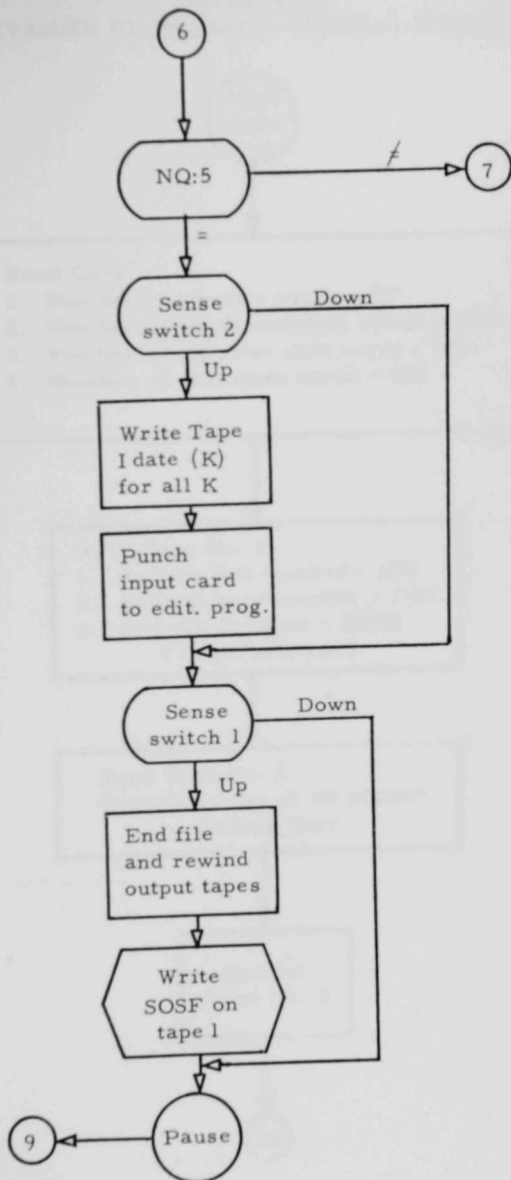






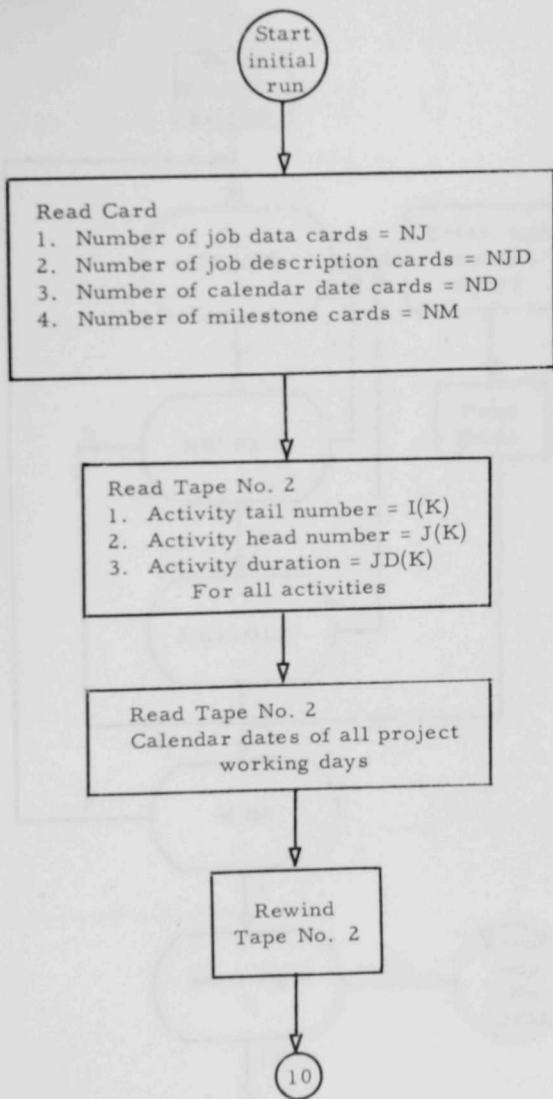








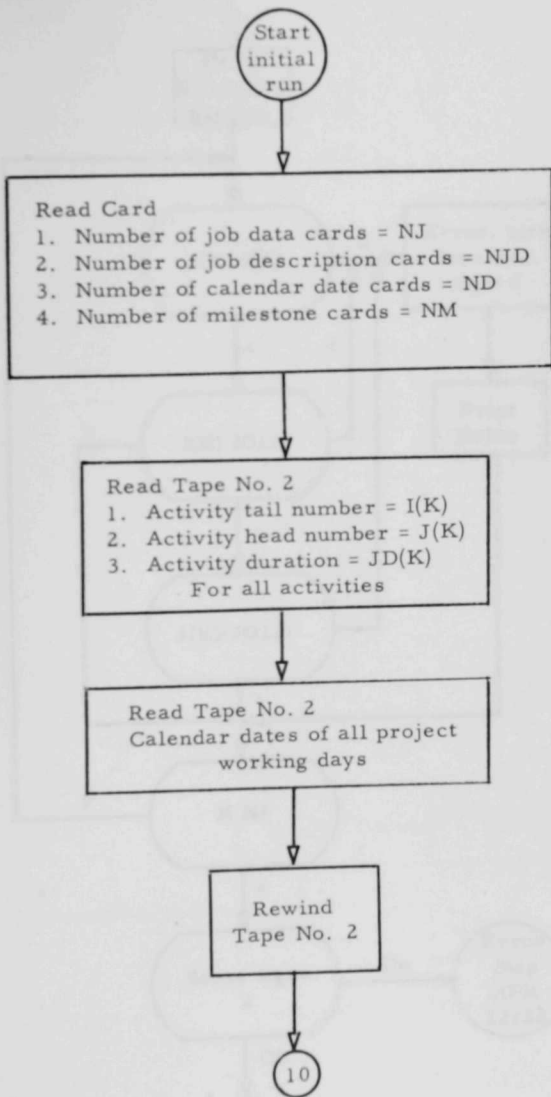
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SEMI-DETAILED FLOWCHART, CRITICAL PATH PROGRAM



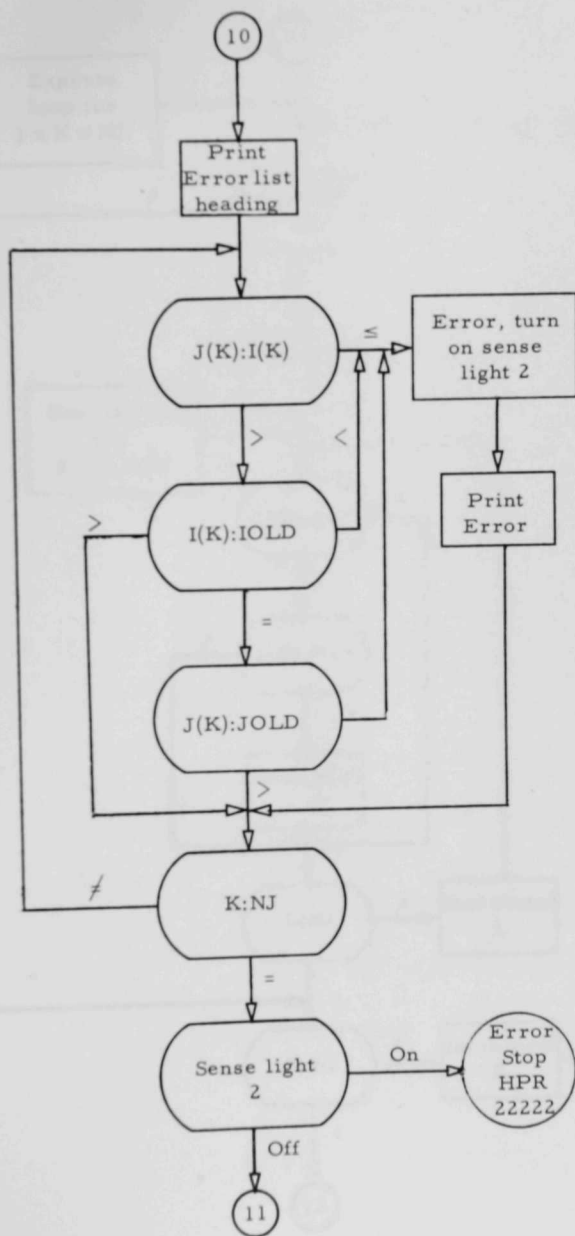




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SEMI-DETAILED FLOWCHART, CRITICAL PATH PROGRAM



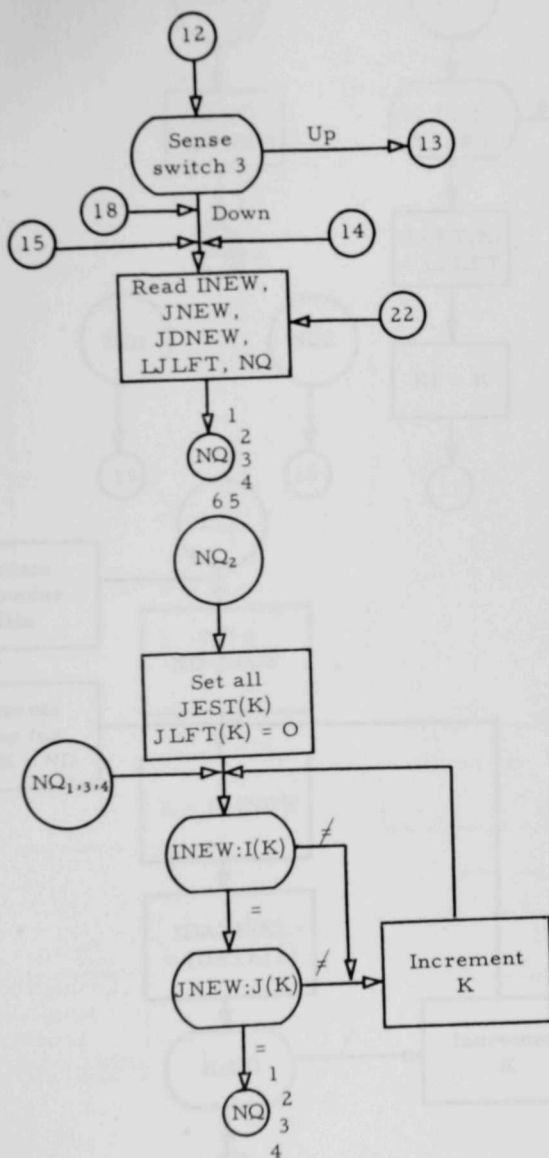






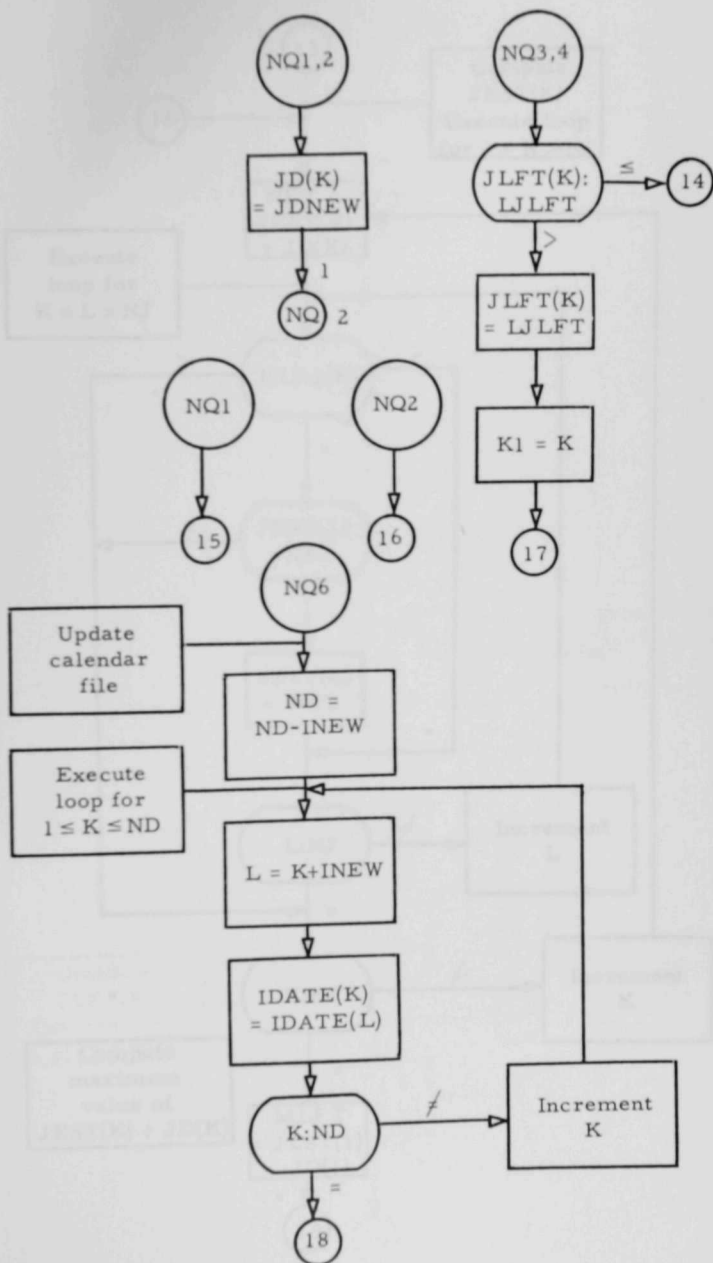




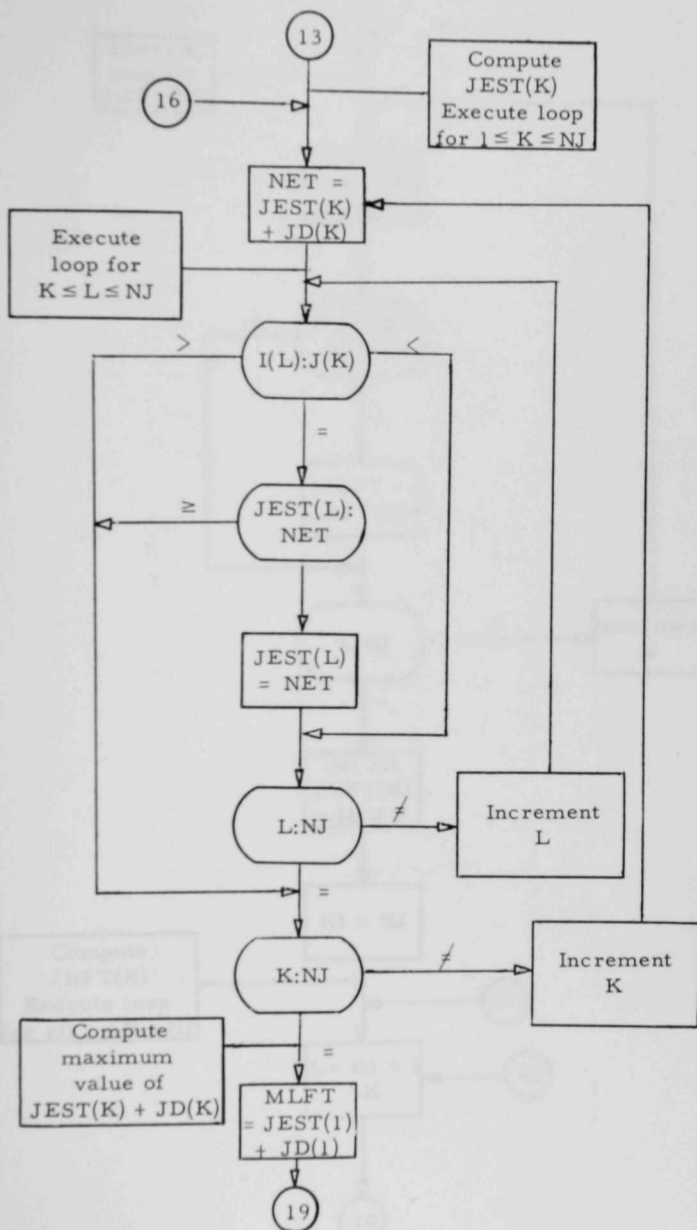




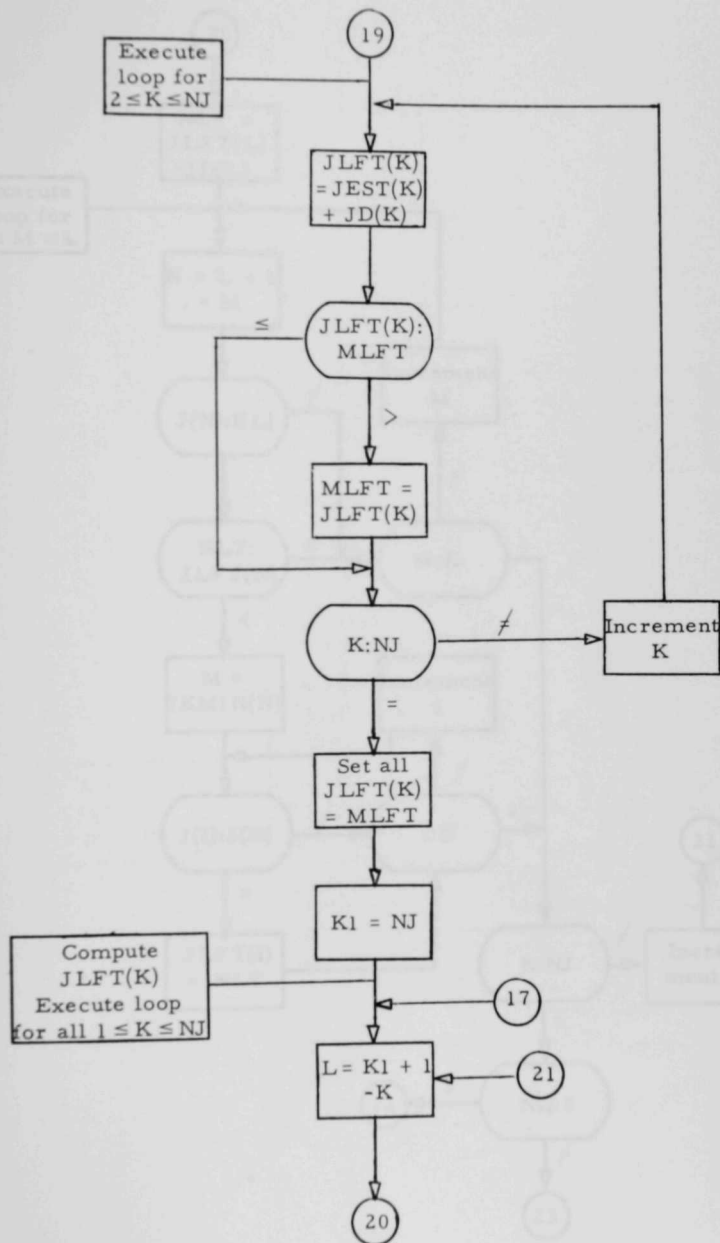




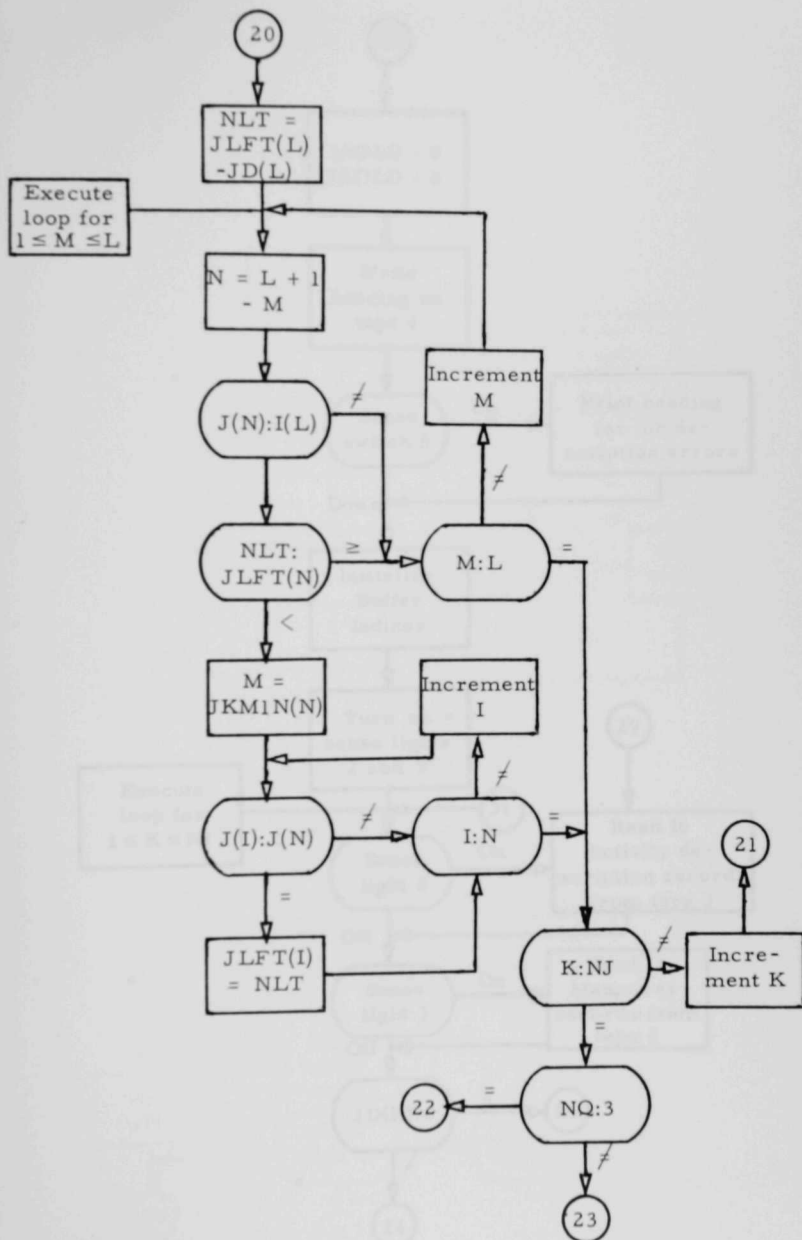






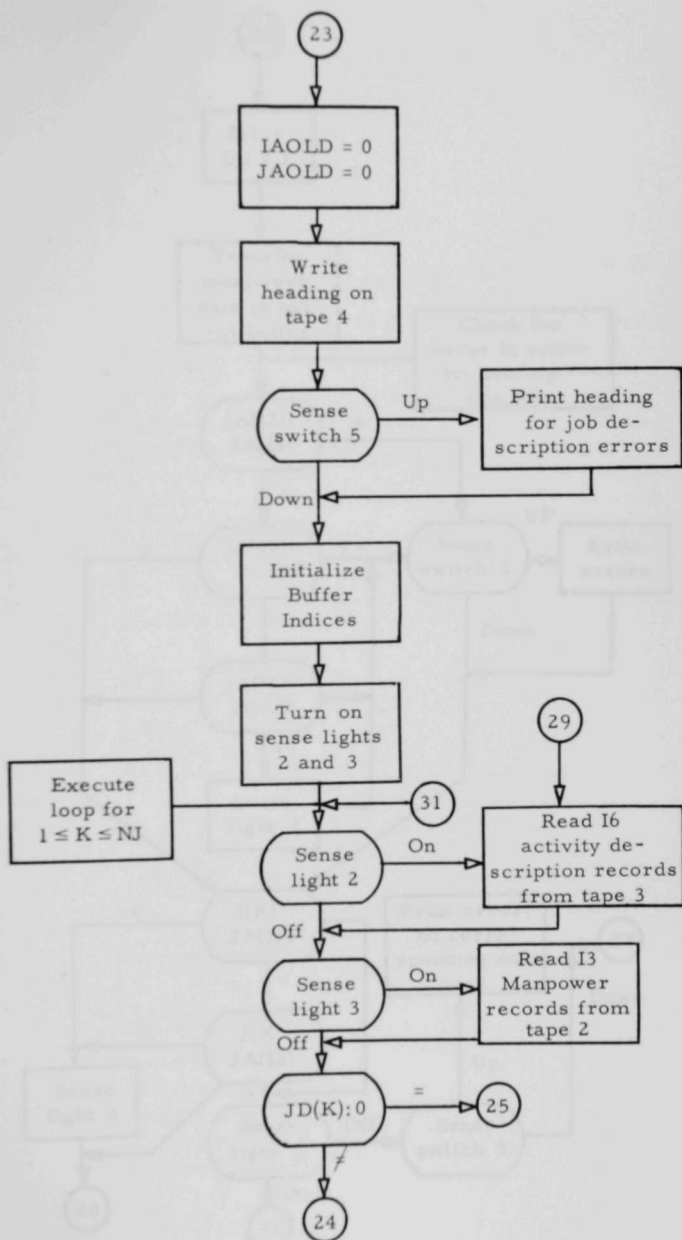




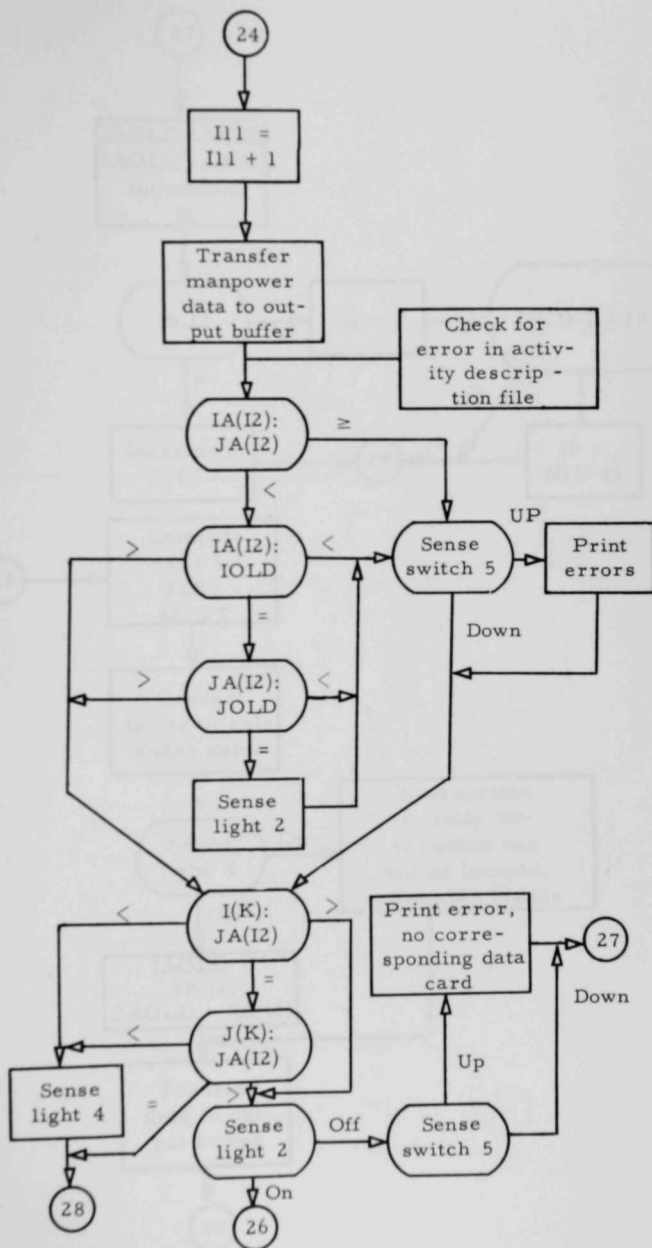




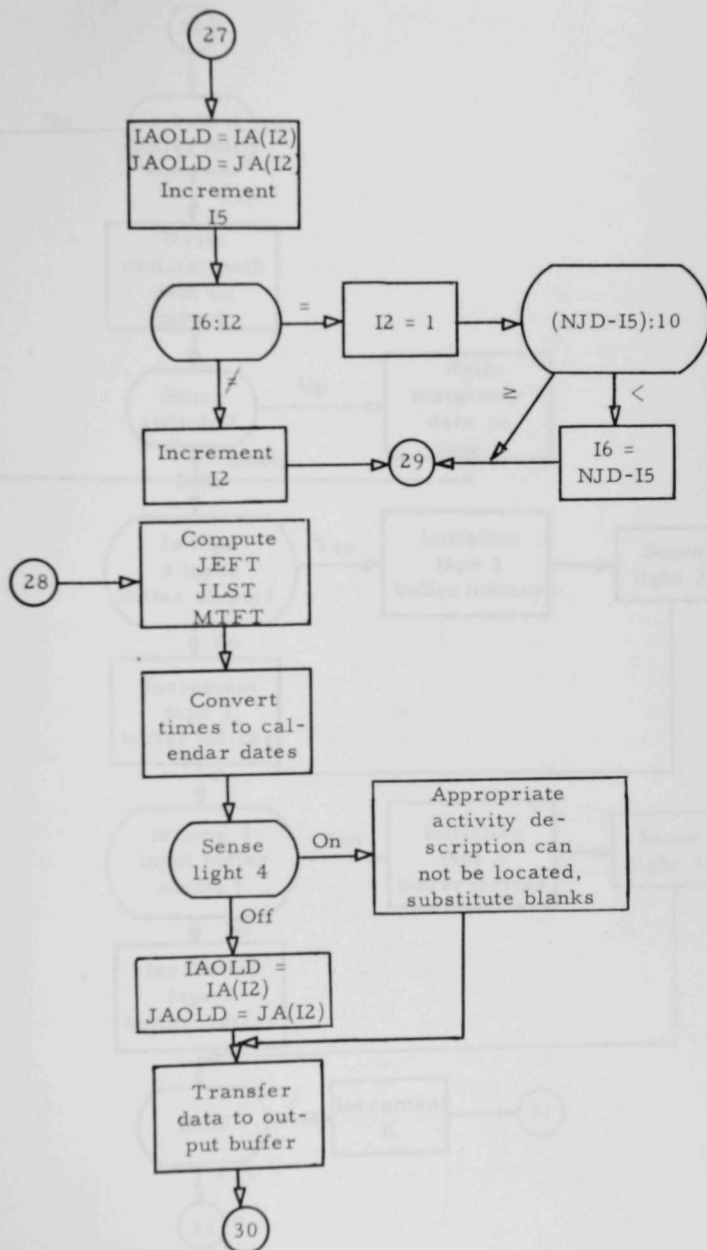




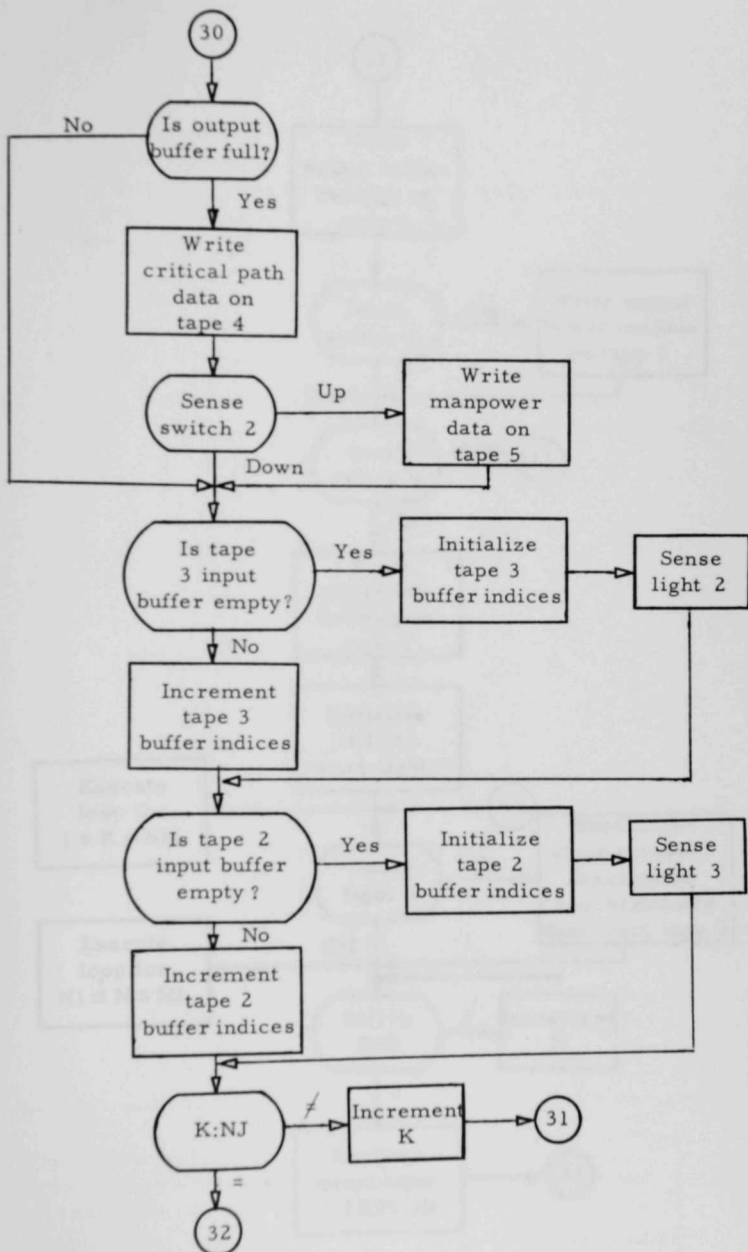






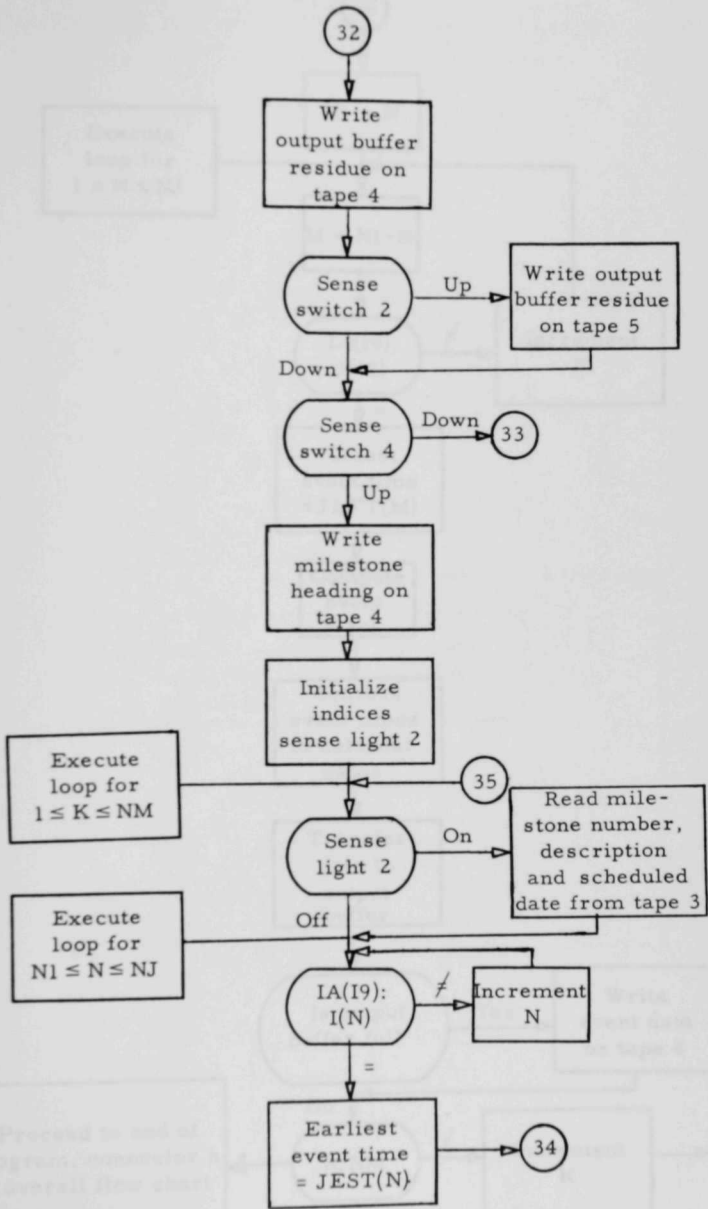




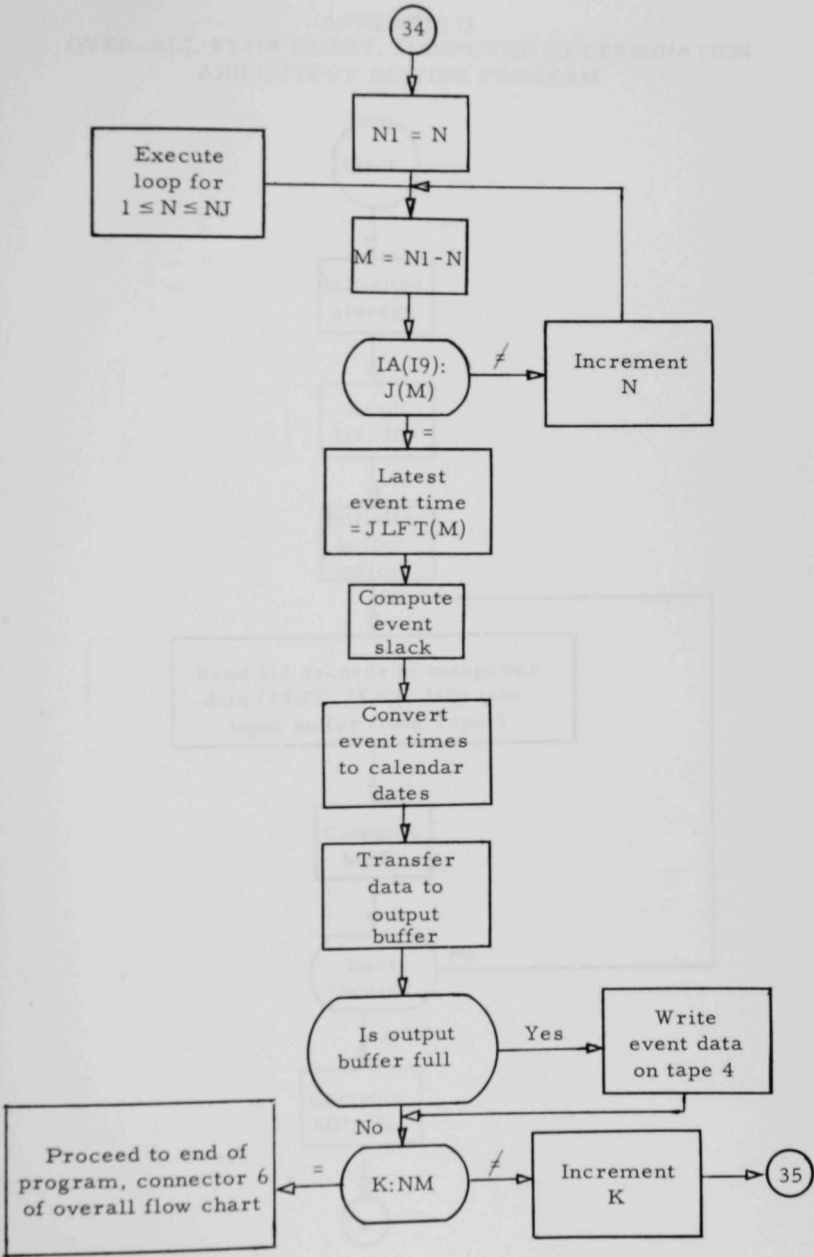






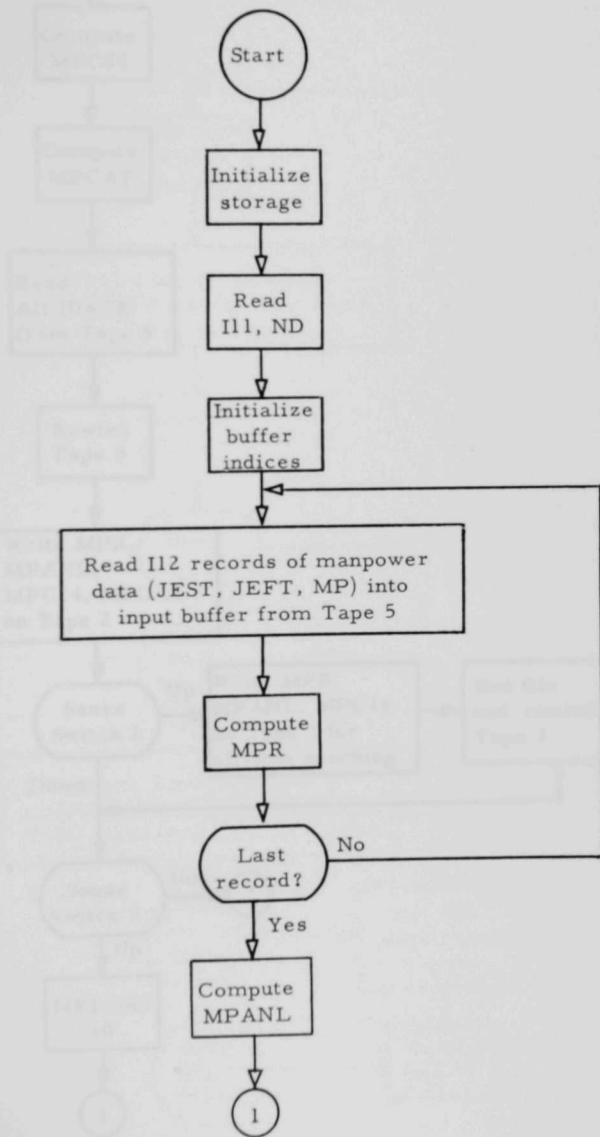




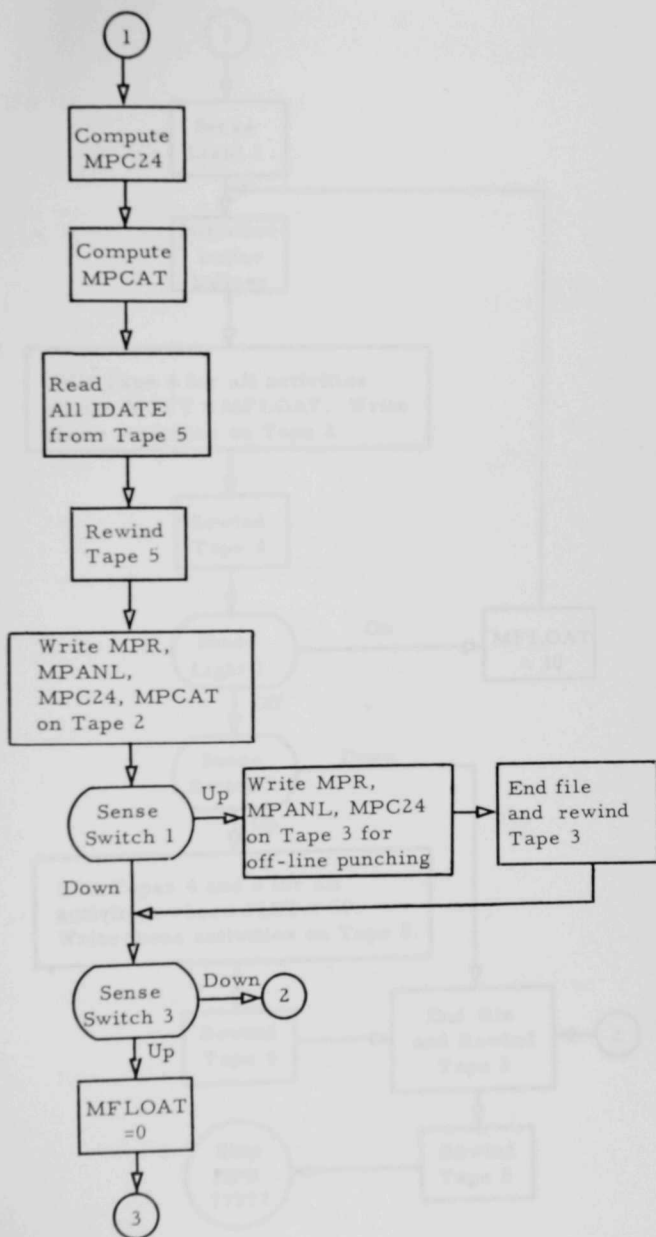




APPENDIX G  
OVER-ALL FLOW CHART, MANPOWER DETERMINATION  
AND OUTPUT EDITING PROGRAM

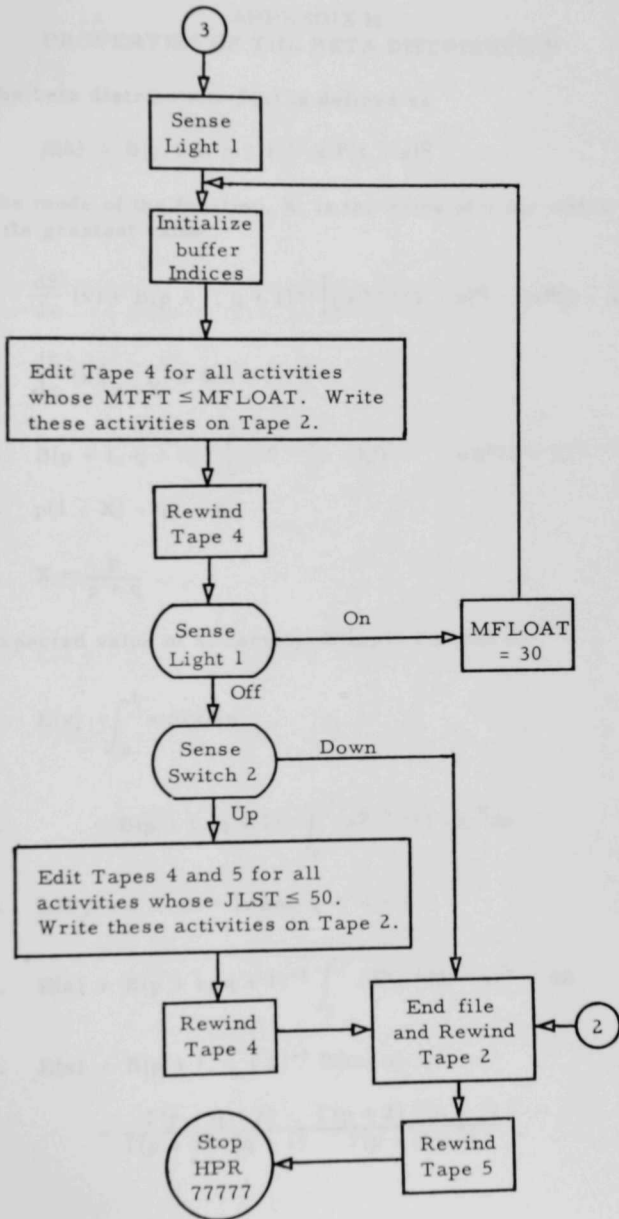














# APPENDIX H PROPERTIES OF THE BETA DISTRIBUTION

The beta distribution  $\beta(x)$  is defined as

$$\beta(x) = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} x^p (1-x)^q$$

A. The mode of the function,  $X$ , is the value of  $x$  for which  $\beta(x)$  achieves its greatest value:

$$1. \quad \frac{d\beta}{dx}(x) = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} [px^{p-1}(1-x)^q - qx^p(1-x)^{q-1}]$$

$$2. \quad \left. \frac{d\beta}{dx}(x) \right|_{x=X} = 0$$

$$3. \quad B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} [pX^{p-1}(1-X)^q - qX^p(1-X)^{q-1}] = 0$$

$$4. \quad p(1-X) - qX = 0$$

$$5. \quad X = \frac{p}{p+q}$$

B. Expected value of  $x$ , namely,  $E(x)$ , is defined as

$$1. \quad E(x) = \int_0^1 x \beta(x) dx$$

$$2. \quad = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} \int_0^1 x^{p+1} (1-x)^q dx$$

$$3. \quad \text{Let } p+1 = m-1, \text{ and } q = n-1$$

$$4. \quad E(x) = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} \int_0^1 x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx$$

$$5. \quad E(x) = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} B(m, n)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(p+q+2)}{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(q+1)} \frac{\Gamma(p+2)\Gamma(q+1)}{\Gamma(p+q+3)}$$



6. We know that for the gamma function

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n)$$

$$7. \quad \text{Therefore } E(x) = \frac{\Gamma(p+q+2)}{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(q+1)} \frac{(p+1)\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(q+1)}{(p+q+2)\Gamma(p+q+2)}$$

$$8. \quad E(x) = \frac{p+1}{p+q+2} = \mu$$

C. The variance of  $x$ , namely,  $\text{VAR}(x)$ , is defined as the expected value of the second moment taken about the mean.

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad \text{VAR}(x) &= E(x - \mu)^2 = E(x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2) \\ &= E(x^2) - 2\mu E(x) + E(\mu^2) = E(x^2) - 2\mu^2 + \mu^2 \\ &= E(x^2) - \mu^2 = \left[ \int_0^1 x^2 B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} x^p (1-x)^q dx \right] - \mu^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \quad \text{VAR}(x) = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} \int_0^1 x^{p+2} (1-x)^q dx - \mu^2$$

$$3. \quad \text{Let } p+2 = m-1, q = n-1$$

$$4. \quad \text{VAR}(x) = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} \int_0^1 x^{m-1} (1-x)^{n-1} dx - \mu^2$$

$$5. \quad = B(p+1, q+1)^{-1} B(m, n) - \mu^2$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(p+q+2)}{\Gamma(p+1)\Gamma(q+1)} \frac{\Gamma(p+3)\Gamma(q+1)}{\Gamma(p+q+4)} - \mu^2$$

$$6. \quad = \frac{\Gamma(p+q+2)}{(p+q+3)} \frac{(p+2)(p+1)\Gamma(p+1)}{(p+q+2)\Gamma(p+q+2)} - \mu^2$$

$$= \frac{(p+2)(p+1)}{(p+q+3)(p+q+2)} - \frac{(p+1)^2}{(p+q+2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(p+1)(p^2+4p+pq+2q+4-p^2-4p-pq-q-3)}{(p+q+2)^2(p+q+3)}$$

$$7. \quad \text{VAR}(x) = \frac{(p+1)(q+1)}{(p+q+2)^2(p+q+3)}$$



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